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GERMANY'S CLAIMS MODIFIED

New Slant On Ukraine Drive No Decision Yet On Southern Front

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS OF STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPERS CITE THE MILITARY OPINION THAT FRESH GERMAN SUCCESS IN THE UKRAINE IS SO COMPREHENSIVE THAT A RUSSIAN ABANDONMENT OF THE GREAT CURVE OF THE DNIEPER, ODESSA AND THE BLACK SEA COAST IS CONSIDERED IMMINENT BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

GIGANTIC NAZI LOSSES IN RUSSIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The N.B.C. in New York yesterday picked up a German broadcast stating that Junkers transports ferried 281,000 wounded from the central Russian front. This is considered to indicate the giant proportions of Nazi wounded since only a small percentage are brought by plane instead of by land. — International News Service.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolaiev whence it will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre.

It is declared, however, that victories already won do not mean that the decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

As regards Gen. Timoshenko's appeal to local populations to destroy anything likely to be useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume the responsibility for the feeding and the safety of the populations where guerilla sabotage is practised.

The Nyheter's Berlin correspondent says that reports show guerilla bands are still active behind the Germans, sabotaging, holding farms and even villages.

Appeal To Surrender

An appeal by German prisoners of war captured by the Russians to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to the Soviet Communiqué.

The supplement describes how the 307th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then was surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, trying to escape jumped into the lake to swim to the opposite shore but were practically all drowned or shot by Russian

snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

Fatal War

A number of prisoners addressed a letter to their comrades of the 63rd Division urging them to surrender. The letter says:

"We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war for us against Soviet Russia to the northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Mannerheim and his accomplices to acquire the Karelian colonies.

"The Finnish people hate us, the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use binding your destinies with the destinies of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families, and liberating Germany."

MODIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Following their recent claims of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis yesterday strangely silent about operations on the eastern front.

The German midday communiqué resurrected the well-worn phrase about "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims.

Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

According to the Moscow communiqué battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely, Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines. Korosten, important Ukrainian railway town, 90 miles north-west of Kiev, and the capture of which the Germans recently claimed, and the Estonian sector, where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to

GAYDA DROPS A HINT TO JAPAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

American war supplies for Russia via Vladivostok "bring the European war into the Japanese sphere," Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's spokesman, declared in an editorial yesterday.

"Russia has aggressive designs against Japan in collusion with Chungking in alliance with Anglo-Saxons," Gayda declared. — International News Service.

DOOMED BEFORE ITS BIRTH

The Nazi peace offensive due to start in America to-day is doomed before it is born, said Quentin Reynolds, the American newspaperman, broadcasting from London last night.

Orders had been given to continental newspapers to publish speeches by American "isolationists."

Addressing Hitler throughout as "Mr. Schicklegruber—a name which was yours until you changed it before the last war"—Mr. Reynolds said Britain knew all about the new peace offensive. It had died before it was born.

"Publicly by Goebbels' agents was arranged to begin on Monday. They will say now the new order has been established there is peace in continental Europe and American interference or aid would result in civil war in countries which are now happy under German protection.

"If America persists in helping Britain it will mean chaos on the Continent.

"In countries in which you hold temporary sway there is not peace but paralysis." Mr. Reynolds declared. — Reuter.

German Plot In Chile

IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN SANTIAGO YESTERDAY THAT A NAZI PLOT HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN SOUTHERN CHILE.

Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Frutillas, Llanquihue, Puerto

Mont and Puerto Varas. The arrests followed house searches.

A quantity of propaganda material has been seized. The Chilean Minister of Interior is to make a statement. — Reuter.

BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

The Axis powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in western Europe and the Middle East during last week.

Indications of the intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with the slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses over Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain.

In daylight sweeps across the Channel 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

Britain lost only one machine in the Middle East, where 10 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes. — Reuter.

R.A.F. SWEEP NORTH FRANCE

An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communiqué issued last night.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Blenheim bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast on Sunday morning.

"A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort. Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing.

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered." — Reuter.

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A FRENCH AGREEMENT WITH NAZIS?

GERMAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR THROUGH SPAIN TO MOROCCO EN ROUTE TO DAKAR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, WHO SAY THAT TWO PANZER DIVISIONS, COMPOSED OF 1,000 TANKS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ENTERED MOROCCO.

While world attention centres on the Russian war and the Japanese thrust, this reported secret German move is seen as the German answer to American occupation of Iceland and is aimed to forestall a possible American occupation of Dakar.

Government quarters in Washington make no comment.

President Roosevelt and the State Department have repeatedly warned Vichy and Lisbon that any change in the status quo would be a serious threat to American security, but American action is not likely if Vichy and Portugal do not resist.

General Franco is reported to have agreed to cooperate with Germany in any movement against Dakar or French Morocco, and Berlin is reported to be promising a large slice of French North-West Africa in return. — International News Service.

Discussions In Vichy

According to the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten's" Berlin correspondent political circles there believe the discussions in Vichy concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance also a certain degree of military collaboration.

This military collaboration, says the correspondent, includes the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is willing but Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares the Marshal's views. Darlan realises that such an agreement means a rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin Views

Berlin believes Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following the definite replacement of the armistice by a peace.

The United States' alleged intentions in regard to West Africa are the subject of lively discussion. Berlin "expects" American action in the near future. — Reuter.

FLYING DOCTOR VERSATILE

The New South Wales Flying Doctor, Dr. J. G. Woods, during a recent tour of districts in the Far West, showed his versatility by acting as doctor, dentist, and piano-tuner.

In a report received by the Australian Aerial Medical Services, Dr. Woods says that he spent two hours at Arrabury Station (about 250 miles from Broken Hill) tuning the piano, which he stated "had not seen a tuner since the war started, and not this war either."

"To aid in the tuning, I tried to get a note from my own piano at home by telephone and radio telephone, but unfortunately this was not successful, as the piano is too far away from the telephone," he adds.

"The Arrabury instrument had, therefore, to be content with approximately correct pitch — in fact, several hundreds of miles from correct pitch."

Dr. Woods also pulled many teeth. One man had missed him a year before, and had had toothache ever since.

LARGE R.A.F. FORMATION OVER THE CHANNEL

R.A.F. formations flew across the Channel to Northern France yesterday morning and again during the afternoon.

The R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel in the afternoon, flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais, was stated by spectators to be very large. — Reuter.

U.S. TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW

The meeting of the Vichy leaders, who are believed to be discussing the German demands, is tantamount to according Germany the full use of strategic Atlantic bases in the French African coast, and is being closely watched in Washington.

In the event of Vichy agreeing to such German demands, it reported, the United States is likely to break off diplomatic relations with Vichy at once.

The whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in French possessions is the subject of intensive study in the light of the latest developments in Vichy.

President Roosevelt, it is understood, as well as officials in Washington, is giving the subject his close attention.

The problem is also believed to be under active discussion with the British authorities. THE PRESENT GERMAN DEMANDS ON VICHY ARE BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON TO BE ONLY PART OF A BROAD NAZI PLAN TO GAIN NEW STRATEGIC BASES FOR INTENSIFIED AIR AND SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAIN SHIPING IN THE ATLANTIC DURING THE WINTER. — REUTER.

CZECH AIRMEN'S FINE FEAT

The Czech crew of a Wellington bomber, by "commendable coolness, and fine airmanship," recently brought home their aircraft safely under great difficulties.

The bomber was returning from an attack when just over the Dutch coast it was fired upon by a German night fighter.

The rear gunner returned the fire but cannon shells burst in the bomb compartment and set the aircraft on fire and the astrodrome was also hit.

The captain turned the aircraft back over Holland to enable the crew to bale out if the fire could not be extinguished. Determined efforts were made to do this and after fifteen minutes the fire was out.

It had burnt much of the fabric not only off the top and bottom of one wing but also along the side of the fuselage. Inside the aircraft it had destroyed the chart board, various pieces of equipment and still more fabric.

The wireless set would no longer work, the under-carriage dropped and stayed down and the bomb doors fell half open and remained open for the remainder of the flight.

In spite of this and other damage to the structure the pilot turned once more to sea and brought the bomber home.

All the crew escaped injury except minor burns and scorching while fighting the fire. — British Wireless.

GERMANY REPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German Government yesterday notified the United States that the two Americans unaccounted for from the "Zamzam" are still on board the German raider.

Both men are too badly wounded to be transferred, the German Note said. — International News Service.

GERMAN 'PLANE LANDS IN NILE DELTA

It is now revealed in Cairo that a German 'plane made a forced landing on Lake Borollos, about 50 miles east of Alexandria, during an attempted raid on the Nile Delta last week.

The four occupants, of whom two were wounded, were taken prisoner. — Reuter.

PROMOTION FOR DARLAN?

M. BONNET, FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS ARRIVED IN VICHY, REPORTS THE GERMAN RADIO. The announcer added "Bonnet always pressed Petain to collaborate with Germany."

A Vichy despatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevalent in Vichy, Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits."

He will also be raised to military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters. — Reuter.

CZECH ARMY IN RUSSIA

The Czech Foreign Minister announced in London yesterday that a Czech military unit was being organised in Russia and would fight under its own officers but within the command of the Soviet Union, says Reuter.

LORD WILLINGTON MUCH THE SAME

Lord Willington, who has been ill at his London home with pneumonia for some days, was stated last night to be "very much the same," says Reuter.

VICHY HINT OF INTERNAL CHANGE

THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE which surrounded Marshal Petain's talks with Admiral Darlan and General Weygand on Saturday eased considerably yesterday, says the Vichy news agency.

Talks between the principal Ministers prior to today's Cabinet meeting, took place yesterday morning but the utmost discretion is still being observed concerning the subjects discussed.

Agenda of the conversations, it is understood, includes the whole question of internal and foreign policy.

Marshal Petain and Darlan attended Vichy races yesterday afternoon.

"Political questions" played an important part in Saturday's discussions, says a Vichy news agency statement.

Double Aspect

"For some time," the statement continues, "the press in the occupied zone has been developing the idea that a general reshuffling

of the Government is necessary. "In any case problems of external and internal policy seem closely linked. The subjects which formed part of Saturday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect."

"Great importance continues to be attached to the part which Joseph Barthelmy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the armistice terms." — Reuter.

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"It is just over two years since I spoke to the American people and my purpose then was to thank countless friends for so much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness that I want to speak to-day.

"We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted the years behind us to the planning of death and destruction.

"As yet saved by the valour of our people, we have not matched our enemies, and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

"Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakeable constancy. In many cities their homes are left in ruins, as are many of those ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

A Great Cause

"Women and children have been killed, and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution.

"Wherever I go I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard it is straight and we know that we fight in a great cause.

"It is not our way, in dark days to turn for support to others, but even had we been minded so to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

"The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry and comfort for those sorely afflicted.

Courage & Endurance

"Canteens, ambulances and medical supplies have come in unceasing flow from the United States.

"I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms, though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere, beyond expression.

"Unless you have seen, as I have seen, how your gifts have been put to use, you cannot know, perhaps, the solace, which you have brought to the men and women of Britain who are suffering and toiling in the cause of freedom.

"Here in Britain, our women are working in factory and field, turning laths and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance, amazing.

Undaunted Courage

"I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with the navy, army and air force,

driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing, and everyone of them working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions.

"Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it. Others are air raid wardens or ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of the night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

"I must give a special word to the nurses, those wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never falter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and never of themselves.

Manifold Services

"And I need not remind you, who set as much store by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our housewives have to face now—days, and how gallantly they keep tackling them.

"I could continue the list almost indefinitely, so manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their daily or nightly tasks, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

"We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving in your committee rooms and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian garrison here.

"Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel I would like to send a special message of thanks to the American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us, in time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been, for 2,000 years, the mark of a good neighbour.

"Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also proud sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Joint Cause

"To you, tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and — to my mind at any rate — your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and however long the struggle, justice

CHURCHILL WHEREABOUTS STILL MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Roosevelt-Churchill mystery is as mysterious as ever, with neither Washington nor London dispelling the idea that the two statesmen have either met or are to meet.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, is now "missing" from Washington, and this has led to hints he has joined Admiral Starke, General Marshall, and General Arnold on the presidential yacht with Mr. Churchill.—International News Service.

WANG'S NEWSPAPER IN A MESS

Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office on Saturday the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear yesterday and may not be able to resume publication for the present, says a Shanghai dispatch.

It is learned that three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the papers. The explosions set a large stock of newsprint on fire which soon spread to the whole four-storey building.

The conflagration lasted for over four hours. It was seen even on the south bank of the Szechow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the area and stopped all traffic.

Total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000.—Central News.

RAID ON KUNMING

Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon yesterday.

Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 100 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses.—Central News.

AUSTRALIAN A.R.P.

It was announced in Canberra yesterday that the Federal Government has decided to grant £500,000 to A.R.P. in Australia.—Reuter.

and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth.

"I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all." — Reuter.

SLAV FRONT VOWS NAZI DESTRUCTION

REPRESENTATIVES of all the Slav nations — Poles, Czechs, Serbians, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins—spoke at a meeting held in Moscow yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was opened by the well-known Soviet Russian writer, Alexei Tolstoy, who declared the Slav world must unite for the speedy and final destruction of the German Fascists.

They were united as different groups but as equals. The Slav peoples must hamper, spoil, destroy and annihilate the Fascist war machine everywhere.

The Polish General Jenuhaitis, speaking in Polish, declared Poland's resistance and sacrifice thwarted the plans of the enemy.

The Nazi attack on the Soviet marked the beginning of the ruin of the German Fascists. This struggle for the Slavs was one of life or death.

cadres should soon be filled, but all must fight, even those in the rear, but they must use wisdom for the enemy was cunning and cruel.

"The time of vengeance for a thousand years of murder of Slavs is at hand. Let us also fight for a better world.

"German Fascism is not only the enemy of the Slavs, the French and English, it also personifies the mean world of violence and slavery."—Reuter.

No Doubts

The speaker declared the Sikorski Government had shown a great measure of political wisdom in entering the Russo-Polish Agreement. The Polish people would support General Sikorski's work.

Their duty was to put the Agreement into operation immediately. This was no time for doubts. Now they must defeat Hitler.

Poland was now forming an army by the side of the Red Army.

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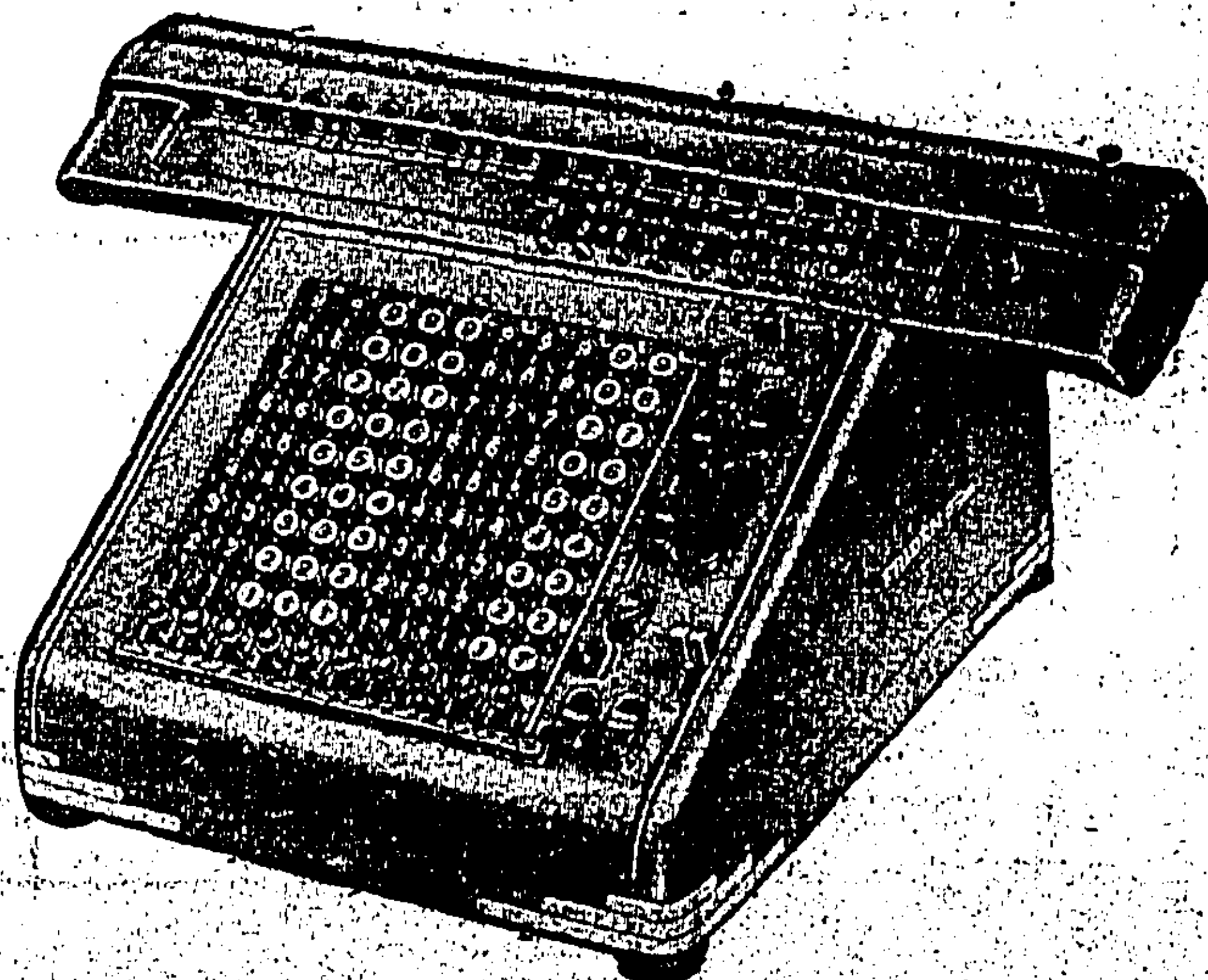
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HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ITALIANS IN NORTH AFRICA

HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily, as well as Libya, figure in the latest R.A.F. Middle East communique, issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says that during Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. There were large fires accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris at Tripoli, where the dock area was raided.

Fires in the neighbourhood of the power house were visible for a considerable distance from the target.

Bardia was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

Blenheims obtained hits on a motor transport yard causing explosions and a number of fires. Fleet Air Arm planes made a series of dive attacks and started a number of fires.

Raid On Greece

Heavy bombers also attacked the port of Benghazi where explosions were seen on railway sidings, and the port of Derna, where fires followed the attack.

In Greece heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft.

In Sicily our bombers dropped bombs on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quayside was damaged by bombs on and near it.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

FORGED PERMITS

Four Chinese who arrived here from Macao on Saturday have been detained for possession of forged Immigration permits; the "China Mail" learned from Mr. J. H. B. Lee, the Immigration Officer.

Mr. Lee disclosed that a number of forged Immigration permits have been discovered recently among passengers arriving from Macao.

The authorities have been investigating and will probably request the Macao police to cooperate.

Persons discovered with forged permits are questioned and sent back to Macao by the Immigration authorities.

FAKIR OF IPI LOSING FACE

THE FAKIR OF IPI NOTORIOUS TROUBLE-MAKER ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT KHARRE, NEAR THE DURAND LINE AND TO HAVE MOVED SOUTHWARDS ABOUT 20 MILES NORTH-WEST OF RAZMAK.

Discontent among his followers is said to be increasing. His inability to provide supplies and ammunition is apparently having a bad effect on his prestige.

The failure of the Germans to carry out their forecasts of an early and decisive victory against Russia is being realised among the tribes, according to reports reaching Simla, and Germany's claims to invincibility are being ridiculed by them.—Reuter.

H.M.S. DEFENDER SUNK

An Admiralty communique issued in London last evening announced the loss of a British destroyer.

The destroyer was H.M.S. Defender which, says the announcement, was sunk with no loss of life.—Reuter.

HAWKER PROBLEM

A letter from the Government relative to the amendments made by the Urban Council on July 2, 1941 to the by-laws under the Hawkers Ordinance No. 22 of 1935 and with regard to the Hawker problem generally, will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the Urban Council.

THAI AIRMEN FOR JAPAN

Domei reports that four young lieutenants of the Thai Air Force are arriving in Tokyo on August 18 to study Japanese flying technique for three years.—Reuter.

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FOOD INEQUALITIES IN OBVIOUS JAPANESE GAME

DURING AN EXTENSIVE tour of industrial areas in north-east England, Yorkshire and the Midlands to investigate the food situation, I have been impressed by the cheerfulness of the workers, writes a London correspondent.

Despite shortages of many unrationed food-stuffs, housewives were confident of being able to provide their families with adequate meals.

But action by the Ministry of Food is required to remove inequalities between various districts.

I came to the conclusion that the following steps are desirable:

Better distribution; Rationing of very many more classes of goods to obviate the food queue.

Fresh allocations of quota supplies on the basis of altered population;

Bigger rations of staple commodities for workers in heavy industries.

Eat More Potatoes

Local shortages consist not so much of different commodities in different districts as a general dearth of unrationed goods in all parts becoming more acute in the more heavily populated areas.

Raising these points with the Ministry of Food, I was told that centres of heavy industry are not getting less rationed foods than less populated areas. It was difficult, however, to generalise on other foods.

"Heavy workers really need to eat more bread and potatoes, which are energy-giving foods," an official told me. "The public in general has not sufficiently realised the importance of eating more potatoes and other home-grown vegetables. There is no difficulty in distributing potatoes, and the price is reasonable."

Pointing out that the total supply of many unrationed foods is greatly reduced, the Ministry official said that large quantities were distributed by wholesalers on the basis of pre-war sales. This did not give fair distribution because of the movement of population.

To get over the difficulty the Ministry regularly gave to the large trade associations figures showing the fluctuations of population in the hope that they would adjust supplies.

Special allocations of the scarcer foodstuffs to particular sections of the community were made after consultations with the trade unions.

An obvious Japanese manoeuvre lies behind the recent Thai credit to Japan amounting to 10,000,000 baht or £900,000, according to British financial circles in London.

Tokyo, in concluding the agreement with Thailand, these circles observe, had three aims; first, to wrench Thai currency away from Sterling and absorb it in the Yen Bloc; second, to utilise the credit to get round the British and American economic embargo and the freezing of Japanese assets; and third, to use Thai economic submission as a lever towards completion of political subjugation.

The whole arrangement has been thinly disguised. Technically, in order to finance Thai exports to Japan, a credit was given by a Thai private banking firm to a Japanese private banking firm, namely, the Thai Commercial Bank to the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Actually, it is well-known that the former is a Government-controlled bank which finances Thailand's most important domestic and foreign trade, while the latter is the financial agent of the Japanese Government for foreign transactions.

Sterling Peg

The reason Tokyo urgently needs Thai credit is that she insists on continued purchases of rice, tin and rubber from Thailand. Thai currency has been on a gold basis and pegged to Sterling for nine years. Consequently, all Thailand's foreign trade has been effected in Sterling. The recent freezing of Japanese Sterling assets paralysed the finance mechanism of Thai-Japanese trade. Hence a new apparatus had to be devised to enable Japan to continue her trade with Thailand.

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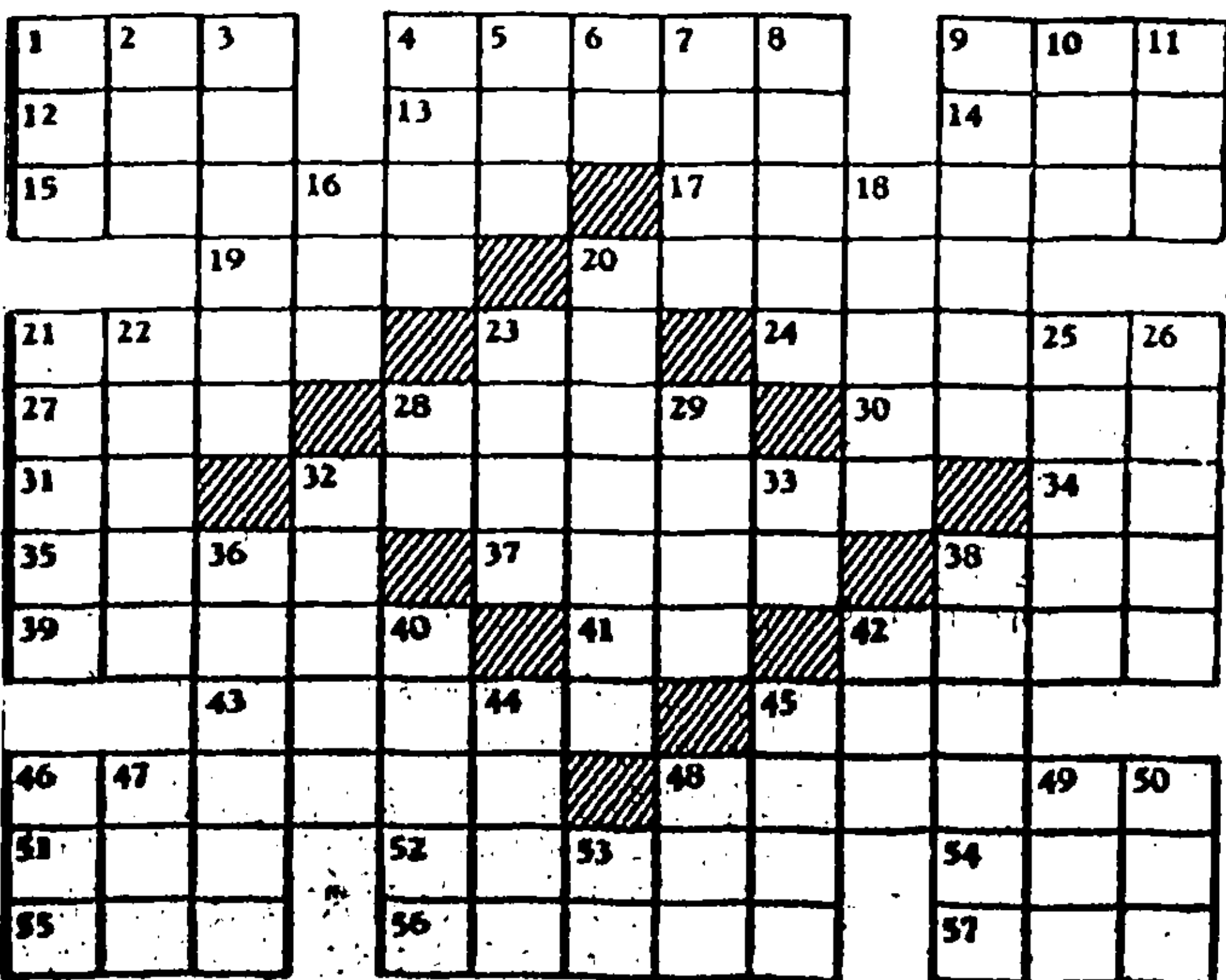
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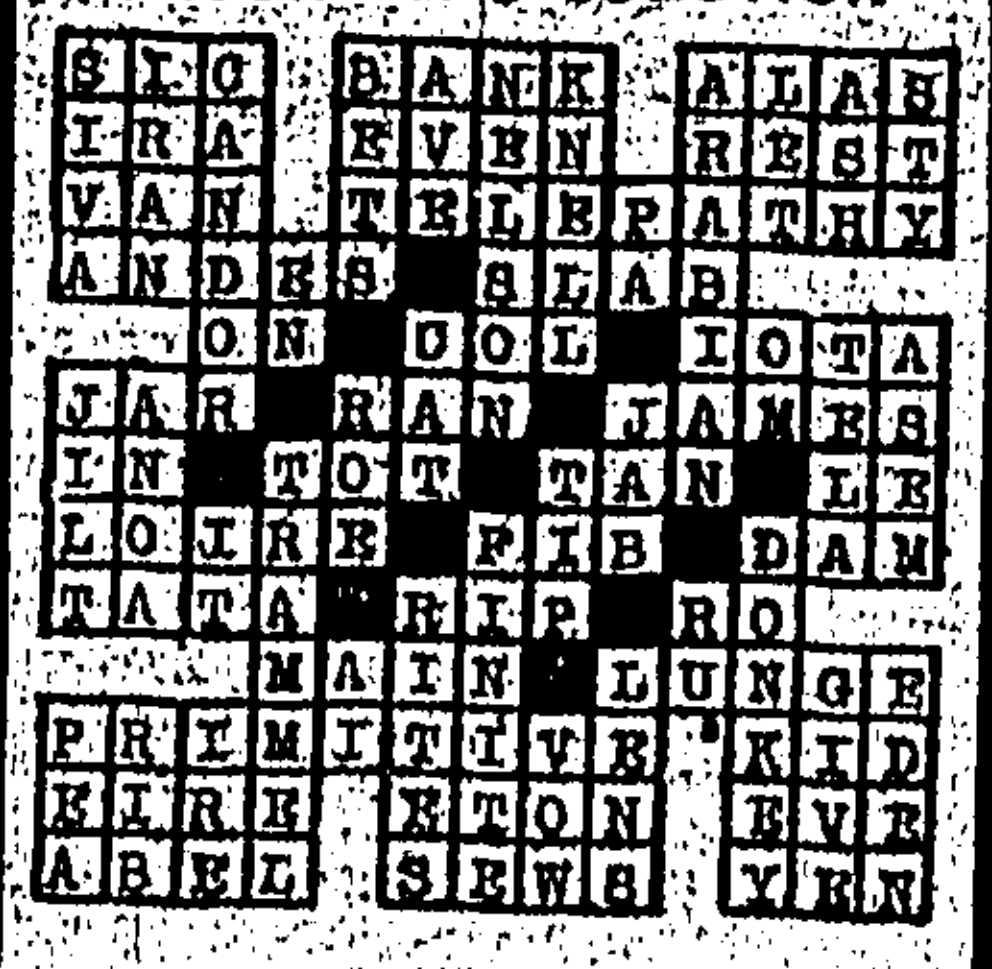
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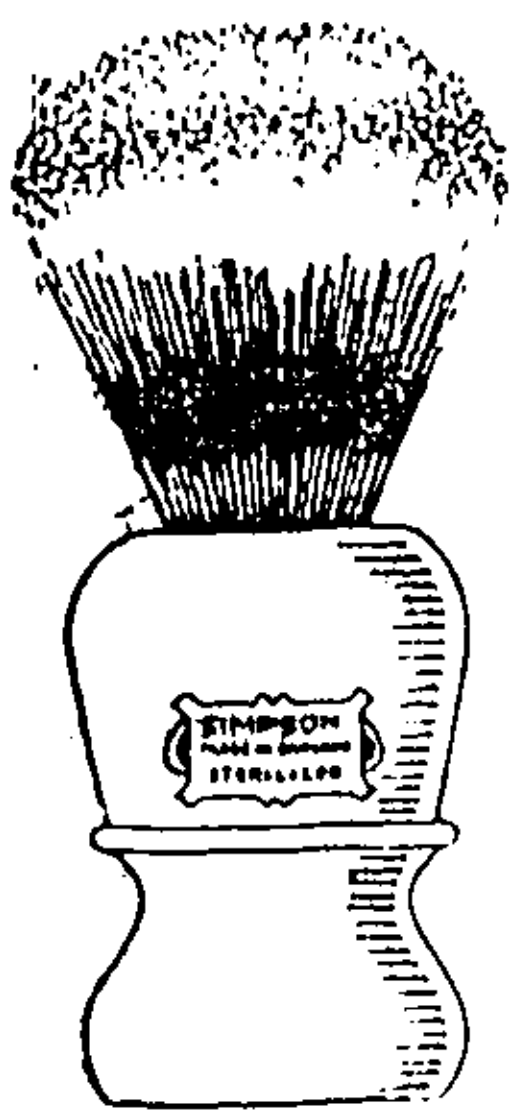
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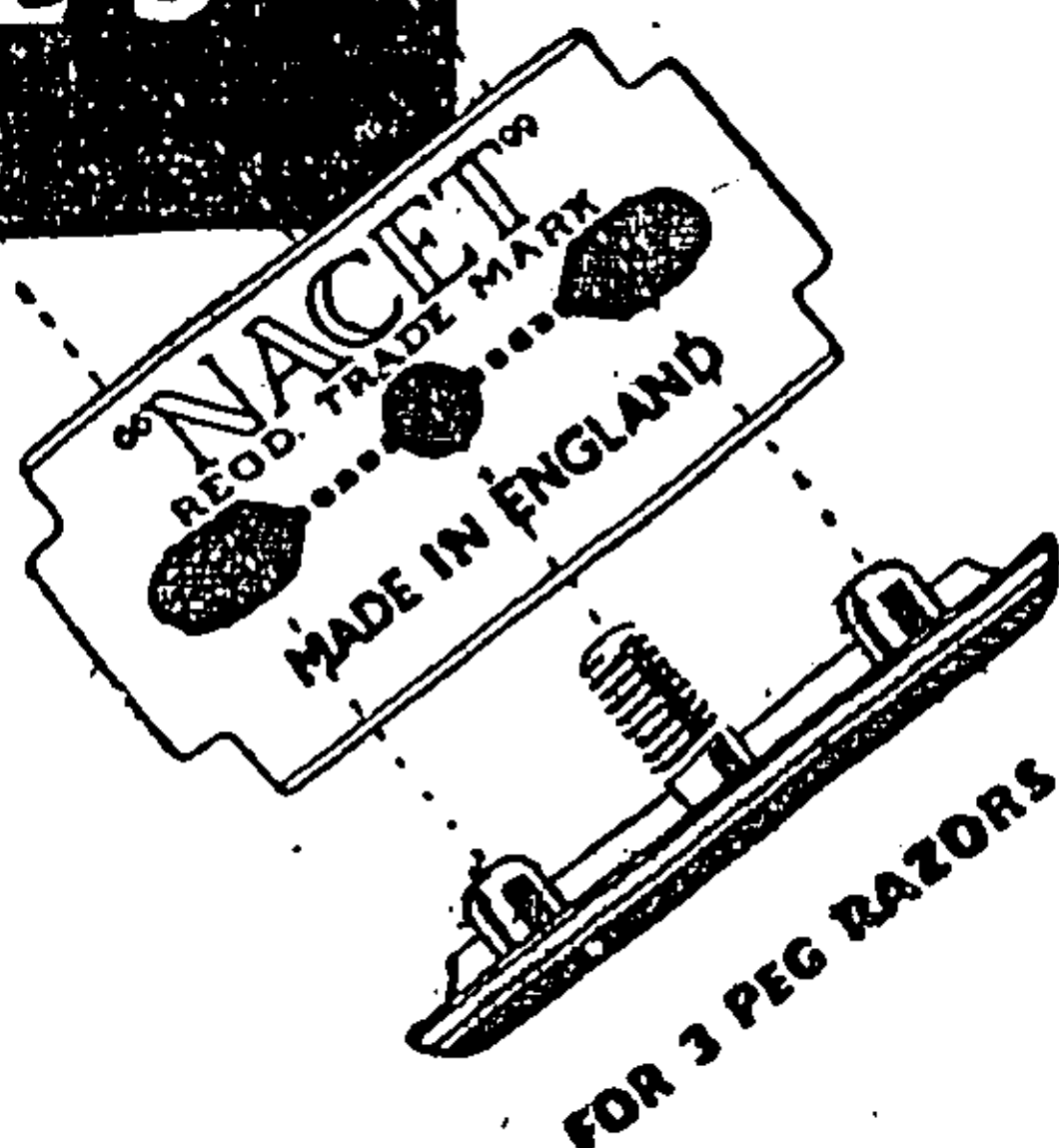
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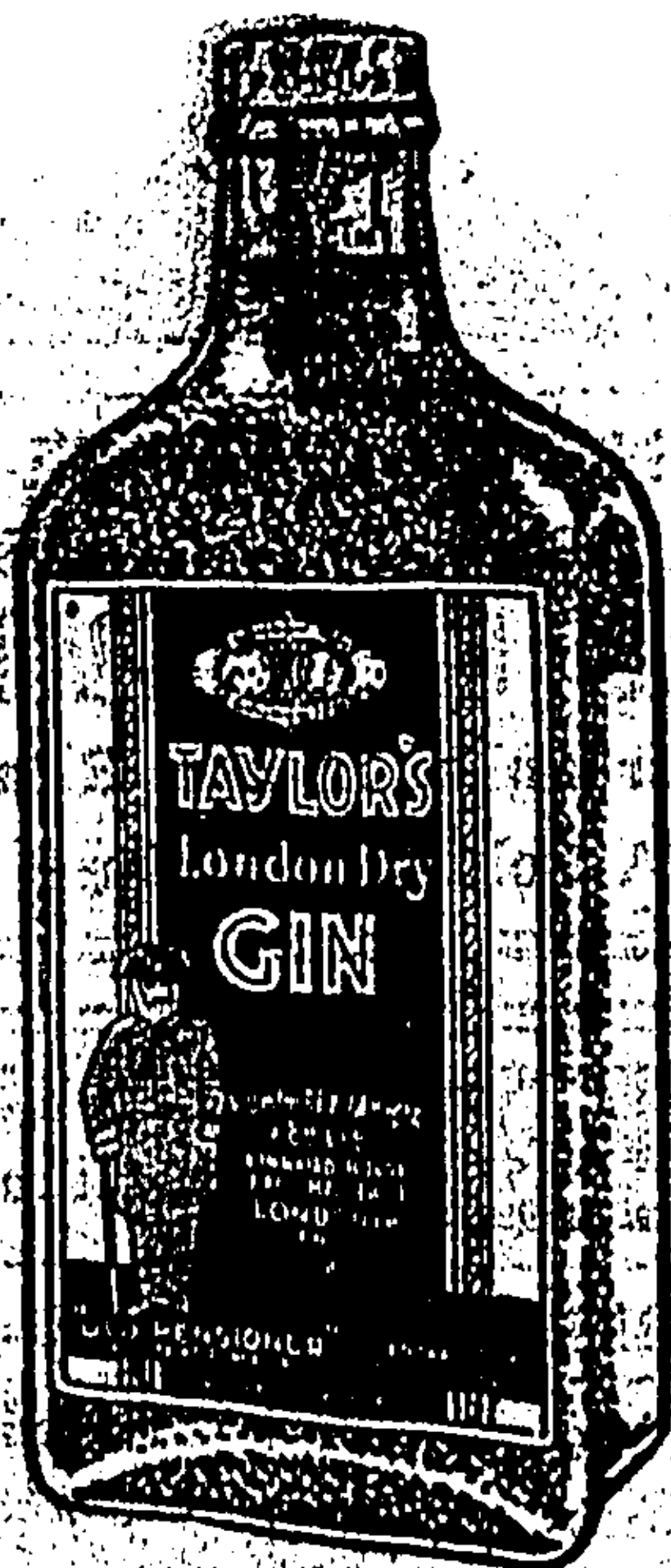
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AN ASIATIC SLANT ON THE RUSSIAN WAR

(By Edwin Haward, Adviser on Indian Affairs to the Far Eastern Bureau British Ministry of Information, and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IN INDIA A FORTNIGHT AGO, I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE QUICKENING OF INDIAN CONCERN IN THE WAR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE OUTBREAK IN IRAQ. ON ALL SIDES I HEARD THE COMMENT: "THE WAR IS INDEED BROUGHT CLOSER TO INDIA."

Since my return, the invasion of Russia by Germany has occurred. That, too, has come as a distinct shock to opinion in India — for remember, that means that a country now fighting on the side of Great Britain and India is actually one of India's neighbours.

If you look at map you will perceive that Russian and Indian boundaries are co-terminous in the lofty Pamir Plateau, the eastern end of the Hindu Kush forming a natural barrier. Just as the war cloud in Iraq stimulated activity in India, so the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Germany brings India into direct territorial contact with the present struggle. Its reactions further east moreover have a vital interest for India.

Of India's war effort it is sufficient to say that, despite the unhappy spectre of internal political controversy, linked with equally unhappy communal tension, India as a whole is unshakably determined to throw her resources of materials and man power fully into the defence of the Empire. Of that, magnificent earnest has been afforded in Africa where Indian troops have covered themselves with glory.

The other day in the "Straits Times," General Heath paid a striking tribute to the achievements of the Indian forces and their British comrades under his command in Abyssinia and Libya. To that story there is little to add, seeing the authority which it bore. The news columns of the press as well as the radio bulletins have been eloquent of late on this subject.

Sheer, Cold Courage

As you know, the Indian Army which is now fighting in Africa, Iraq and Syria and now prepared in India and Malaya to resist aggression, differs in one respect from the Indian Army of the last war. Since that war a new type of officer has entered the Indian Army. In recognition of the gallantry of Indian forces on so many fronts, in 1914-18 the King Emperor approved the grant of his commissions to Indians who at first were trained at Sandhurst and since 1932 have been trained at the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun.

The other day it was announced that one of these new products — a former Dehra Dun cadet, younger brother of an Indian King's Commissioned Officer, now serving in Malaya, had won the first Indian V.C. of this war by a deed of bravery which, as his Commanding Officer said, for sheer cold courage could not be beaten. That and other awards have afforded sterling proof that the reputation of India's fighting men for professional skill and indomitable valour, is being well maintained by the Indian Army of to-day.

Particularly noticeable in the cold official accounts of these exploits is the remarkable initiative displayed by Indian officers and men of all ranks.

Pride Of India

Time and again, it is shown that the Subadar, Jemadar, the Nalik and even the doughty Sepoy have taken critical decisions on their own account and carried out those decisions with success and confident courage.

An army which can record such achievements is an army of which India can be justly proud. This pride should be the greater because with the mechanisation of units in modern warfare the basis of recruitment has been broadened, — and remember recruitment of the Indian Army is voluntary and always has been — thus bringing the people of India into even closer association

with the men who undertake the defence of their country.

Let me give you a glimpse of my own recent experience as I journeyed through India this month in the height of the hot weather. Two and a half days' railway journey from Calcutta to Simla gives you a very good idea of social relationships, for there is none of the stiffness and awkwardness of the atmosphere in an English railway carriage. At once passengers get down to tackling in concert the asperities of high temperatures, the ordeal of constant intrusions of dust, and the accumulations of luggage.

Excellent Relations

Whether the class be first, second, intermediate, or third, the comradeship is the same, so when I started from Calcutta by nearly missing the train and spending the first hour with some Englishmen in the wrong carriage, I managed very soon to get into conversation with them. On changing to my proper carriage where my derelict luggage had been deposited, I found myself accompanied by a young Indian Cavalry captain whose uncle was a very famous Indian politician, a rising young Indian official of a Government department, and a wealthy Calcutta businessman, from Rajputana. The readiness with which we managed to discuss the war, internal politics and air-raid possibilities and the lighter side of Indian life afforded me concrete proof of the excellence of the relations now existing between Indians and Englishmen.

Nor was this achieved by reluctance. The weaknesses and peculiarities of public and private individuals were discussed quite freely.

The Indian soldier, the symbol of the new dispensation, was as keen on his profession as any young officer of his type would be, and he showed himself also to be extraordinarily well-informed on world affairs.

The official was jealous of the reputation of his department and gave reasons for his conviction that it was rendering useful service. The merchant, besides controlling a great business, was doing public work as the commander of one of Calcutta's civic guards units. Incidentally, the other two twitted him with congratulations on the possibility that his semi-military activities might deprive him of the corporeal burden which in India often has to be carried by the man of wealth.

Industrial War Effort

The prowess of the Indian Army and the excellence of its training are not surprising for in one way or another, some part of the Army in India is always on active service. Between the Armistice of 1918 and the outbreak of the present war in September 1939, only two Victoria Crosses were won. They both went to the Indian Army. Ishar Singh of the 28th Punjab in 1921 received the decoration for gallantry in Waziristan. About four or five years ago, a young subaltern named Meynell of the Guides, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery in operations further north on the frontier.

Supporting this Army in the field is the industrial war effort in which India is greatly speeding up her production of all kinds

of munitions and ancillary supplies required by the modern army. She is a member of the Eastern Group Supply Council in which her central position gives her special importance.

The three Dominions of New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, are represented on this Council as well as India. It is presided over by Sir Archibald Carter as representative of the United Kingdom. Although formerly Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, he is no stranger to India. In earlier days he was the Secretary-general to the Indian Round Table Conference in London, and he toured India with the Simon Commission.

The Supply Department directing India's activities in response to the call of the Supply Council gives a great impetus to the development of Indian industries in wartime. In the long run, it will be found to have made a notable contribution to the permanent advancement of India, as one of the big industrial countries of the world.

This brief resume shows that India has solid reasons for standing on her defence. The achievements recorded are worth protection against the onslaught of the Nazi hordes whose gangster leaders seek world dominance, with the object of suppressing all economic and social institutions which do not contribute directly and exclusively to their own insensate rapacity.

Russia has been compelled for the sake of her own independence to take up arms against the invader, and Russia knows full well that one of the motives behind this German aggression is the desire to spread out the tentacles of Nazism into the heart of Asia.

Not A New Story

To India that story is not new. In the last war, German influence was exceedingly strong in the Middle East while the Expeditionary Force from India was operating in what was then known as Mesopotamia. India's South Persian Cordon had to be thrown out to protect that force's right flank and to keep the line of communication clear with India.

Although the Mesopotamia campaign was directly launched against Turkey, it was well known that Germany had had an eye on the establishment of rail communications between Berlin and Baghdad and consequently she took an active interest in the Persian Gulf. The Kaiser's idea in other words was to draw off the traffic from the sea route to India as a useful additional benefit in securing German ascendancy at Istanbul and consequently German mastery over Asia Minor and the Middle East.

Now, I am not going to suggest that in making war on Russia, Herr Hitler has all this in mind. It is likely that he is looking to the more immediate objective of crushing England from the air to which his experience last year showed that the elimination of any threat from Russia is a condition precedent. Still, Hitler rules in Berlin as the Kaiser did and at his disposal are some of the Middle Eastern experts with whom we had to contend in the last war.

Not Negligible Factor

Russia is by no means negligible factor in the Middle East. Readers of Victorian novels will remember that the rising young politician in the House of Commons was usually depicted as having made good his claim to be the future Prime Minister by a formidable speech on Russian policy in Persia or even closer to India than that.

To-day, what was Persia, a next door neighbour of India, is Iran, governed by a forceful Shah who rose from the ranks in the Persian Army and eventually replaced the effete regime of which the last representative was the late Sultan Ahmed Shah. Reza Shah Pahlavi has overhauled the whole of the Iran administration and now there is a railway from the Caspian Sea to the Persian (Continued on Page 8)

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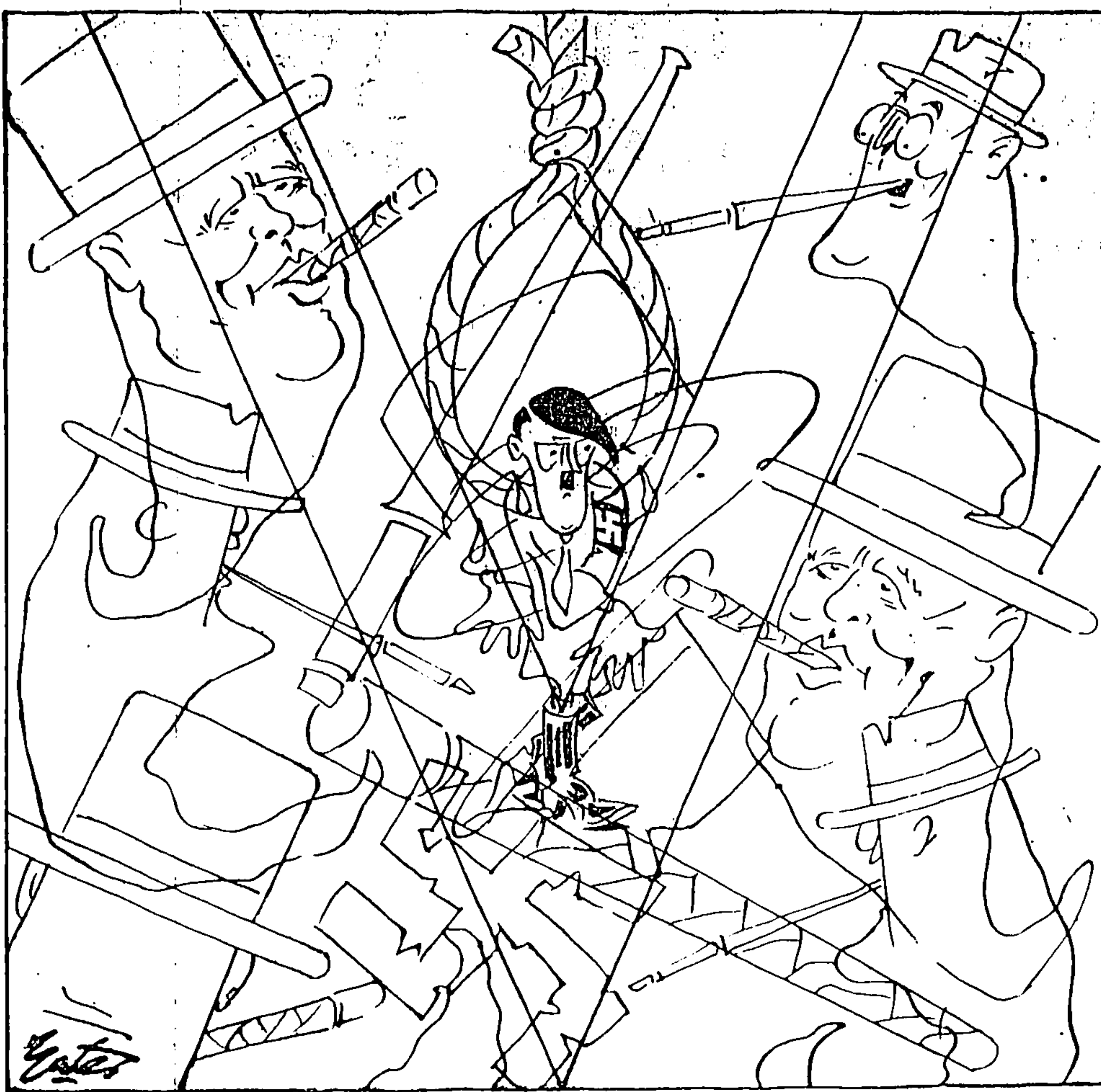
THE SUPREME IMPERTINENCE

Since the Nazis have launched their "crusade" against Russia there has been an increasing tendency on the part of official and semi-official sources in Berlin to identify the Reich with Europe: "Europe will resent" this, that or the other act directed against Germany; "Europe" is fighting Communism, and so on. A Berlin spokesman, referring to the American occupation of Iceland, said: "President Roosevelt is attacking Europe." This cannot be dismissed as mere megalomania—it is all a part of the desperate German attempt to convey to the world at large the impression that Hitler has created a substantial new order and that whatever England may do, or the United States or, presumably, Russia, represents only the "periphery" of the Continent.

It would appear to be inconceivable that, after all that has passed in Europe in the last few years, any one could be taken in by this supreme impertinence. It would seem superfluous to recite again the stark fact about this new order, to point out that Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Rumania were added to the Hitlerian structure by armies of occupation and that Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis pact was confirmed in the same manner; that Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France, Greece and Yugoslavia fought bitterly to avoid incorporation into the Nazi system; that Britain and Russia are now battling to avoid the same stifling fate. What does that leave to Hitler? He has Mussolini, perforce, but what do the Italian people think of their allies? He may have Petain, Laval and Darlan—but who would suggest that he has the French people? He may have the sympathy of Franco—but Spain is not a member of the Axis group, the official organ of the "new Europe". Neither is Portugal, nor Switzerland, nor Sweden, nor Finland, although Finnish troops fight by the side of the Germans. The net remainder is a dubious Hungary and those makeshifts of Hitler policy, Croatia and Slovakia.

Yet some neutrals are prepared to refer to Europe as a unit, as a Nazi unit, which, through the tender and far-seeing ministrations of the Ger-

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THE great world which depends upon the Spanish language would do well to particularise somewhat upon the story and character of Ireland. I remark in my travels that of all the ambiguities, confusions and misunderstandings which arise from the hopeless sub-division of Christendom to-day none are more subtle (and therefore more difficult to understand) than the problems arising from the character and history of Ireland. Of all lingual, racial and religious groups, all provinces into which the babel of our civilisation has fallen, not one is less understood or gives rise to more misinterpretation than the matter of Ireland.

There are many reasons for this. The most important reason by far is the violent contrast in religion and therefore in all the texture in Society between the

man Wehrmacht, is working out its own salvation. They ignore the patent fact that so long as men stand in arms against Hitler and the mechanised terror he represents the Nazi slave state is not a reality; that as soon as Hitler falls the degradation he has visited upon Europe will end. So long—but no longer. Should Britain fall and Russia fall, then the deluge will be upon all, and might will rule unchecked in Europe and in much of the vast colonial area that owes its allegiance and inspiration to Europe. Meanwhile, the Nazis have no greater right to assume the name of Europe than has a burglar, besieged by the police at the scene of his crime, to speak for the householders whom he has robbed.

Irish National tradition and the English. Another almost equally important factor of confusion in the foreigner's estimate of Ireland and all things Irish is the dispersion of the Irish people. They are the only people of our Western Christian culture which has been scattered at large and driven into exile. We are used to this phenomenon in the case of the Jews and in the small but highly interesting exceptional case of the gypsies. But we forget how characteristic it is of the Irish. The huge religious quarrel of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries in Britain led to the driving of Irish families overseas on such a scale that there has been nothing

By
Hilaire Belloc

like it in the story of any other Christian people and the Irish of to-day are a Diaspora. They are highly particular and individual and yet you cannot ascribe to them a local habitation. Even in the island of their origin they are divided into three sharply contrasted groups. The Ascendancy (what is left of it), the Orangemen and the Mass of the Traditional Nation. Of these three groups the National one is of course by far the greatest; yet it does not amount to two thirds of the population in Ireland itself. The relics of the Ascendancy group, (which means English-speaking Protestants, established as large land owners in the Catholic Mass of Ireland) their dependants and connections are small in number, but still inherit the traditions of a ruling class opposed to the full national condition. The Orangemen are also Protestant but of a very different temper, strongly hostile to their compatriots.

A third factor in the problem of Ireland is the strange story of Irish speech. Until well into the beginning of Modern Times, long after the Reformation, the old Celtic tongue was spoken everywhere, save where small Colonies had been planted by force near the ports under the Allegiance of the English Government. There was a moment not so long ago, when it looked as though the future of Ireland was to be that of a country with quite another language from the English. The great change in this

did not come till the Nineteenth Century. It was in part the Nationalist Movement under Daniel O'Connell, but much more the great famine and the scattering of the race which left Ireland (without a national language of its own) and made the Irish people as a whole use the English tongue. When two populations of very different characters use the same language you have a situation which breeds infinite misunderstanding in every detail of human life, and that is the lingual situation of the Irish people to-day. Not only in their own country, but throughout the world. They are English speaking, all but a small remnant who still use the ancestral language in the extreme North-west of the island. Every effort has been made to restore the National language to daily use, but custom has proved too strong. It has not yet been established and probably never will be.

I for my part should maintain that no foreigner can fully understand the modern English-speaking world until he has mastered the main elements of the Irish problem; and of all foreigners those of the Iberian peninsula and its great Colonies beyond the oceans are best fitted for understanding the meaning and tradition of Ireland. There is religious communion to help the understanding and there is a still remaining, though rapidly fading, historical memory of the days when the Island of Ireland was conceived as facing the Northern coast of Spain. Under the prevailing South-westerly winds the natural run of a sailing ship from the Portuguese and North Spanish coasts towards the British Isles made rather for Ireland than for Great Britain. Of all that connection by sea Mrs. Green, the widow of the historian, has written most thoroughly and her work should always be consulted by anyone who desires to understand how the main Irish ports arose, why by the end of the Eighteenth Century the Irish nation's shipping was so very large and how under later conditions of the Nineteenth Century all these Irish advantages decayed. I do not know whether there is any volume of Spanish literature dealing with Irish matters; if there is, not a sufficient volume of such books, it is high time they were written, for one may fairly prophesy that the near future of Western Europe will be filled with expansion influence at least and probably in wealth of the Iberian culture and one of the best avenues for introducing that culture to the North is by way of Ireland.

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Importance Of New War To India

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The other neighbour of India on the North-West frontier is Afghanistan, a rugged pastoral country with a population of ten million. Before and during the Great War, Afghanistan was ruled by an Amir. Few Amirs in Afghanistan's history have died a peaceful death. The Amir who was on the throne at Kabul in 1914 was Habibullah. Despite German blandishments he managed to maintain neutrality and friendship with Great Britain, but he had to contend with a strong pro-German party.

Pro-German Assassinations

Just after the war, Habibullah was assassinated by these pro-Germans — the price of his staunch loyalty to his pledged word. His younger son, Amanullah, came to the throne. He took the title of King, and endeavoured to reform the social customs of his people, in defiance of ecclesiastical influence. A water carrier named Bachcha-i-Saqqa raised the standard of revolt and Amanullah had to flee. He and his consort are now in Italy.

The new ruler, reverting to the old style, called himself Amir Habibullah. He was of the bandit type and could not last. Nadir Khan, the former Commander-in-Chief and ablest Afghan of his day, returned to India from Europe, collecting round him a well disciplined force. He ejected the ex-water carrier and hanged him and about 60 of his followers outside the walls of Kabul.

Nadir Khan took the title of Nadir Shah or King Nadir. He proved to be a good administrator. He managed to reform the government without offending religious susceptibilities. He was assisted by an interest free loan from Great Britain. He showed considerable friendliness towards Great Britain and India, especially in cooperating in the control of the independent tribesmen on his side of the border. Unhappily, he was murdered by a student at a prize-giving at the German organised school in Kabul—perhaps a significant spot for such a crime.

Interest In Iraq

That was in 1933. Since then, his young son the present King Zahir has sat on the throne. His government is conducted by his two able uncles who are Prime Minister and War Minister respectively.

Afghanistan's interest in Iraq is considerable, because many of the most important religious leaders in Afghanistan are of Iraqi origin. Some of them belong to the Geilani family to which the now expelled usurper Rashid Ali claims to be a cadet. Rashid Ali, however, abused his position as minister by improper use of religious Endowment Funds. This is counted against him in Iraq and elsewhere.

Communications in Afghanistan are poor. The chief routes to India pass from Kabul to Peshawar and the road from Kandahar to Chaman.

Afghanistan is an adherent of the four-power non-aggression Pact, of 1937. Her co-signatories to that document are: Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

Comprising the greater part of the Arabian peninsula—Saudi Arabia in treaty relationship with Iraq, Egypt and Trans-Jordan—under Ibn Saud, is an Arab Kingdom now including the Hedjaz as well as Ibn Saud's original sultanate of Nejd. King Ibn Saud is the most forceful personality in the Arab world. Friendly to Great Britain, he refused to give his countenance to the rebellion in Iraq.

Importance Of India

This background of the countries lying between Syria and the North-West Frontier of India shows how important to India is this new turn of the war with Germany. If, by any chance, the Germans could penetrate to the Middle East—our action in Iraq and Syria has been a timely stroke to offset such an event—vigilance of India would have to be redoubled.

Iran has formally declared her neutrality with specific relevance to this new phase of the

struggle. The declaration is significant, for Russian and Iranian relationships have a long history. As a hostile neighbour, Iran would be a distinct embarrassment not only for Soviet Russia, but also for India.

Afghanistan's friendship is an important asset to India. Many Afghans — among them the most virile and warlike — are Pathans, allied in blood and religion to the clansman in the independent tribal territory which lies between India's administrative border and the demarcated frontier between India and Afghanistan, known as the Durand Line.

Southern Bastion

In that tribal territory are 500,000 fighting men, over half of whom are armed with modern rifles. They are under the lightly exercised suzerainty of the Government of India. They owe allegiance to no common chief, split up as they are into clans, linked by a common religion and kinship. Fighting is their secondary occupation. They are very susceptible to the influence of storms without and within India. Enemy propaganda has been active on India's frontier. You probably have seen that it has given a new lease of life to the firebrand Faqir of Ipi, the fanatical will-o-the-wisp of the Frontier to-day. But watch and ward in those turbulent hills is being firmly kept by the Army in India. Baluchistan has increased its defences. The Afghan Government's correct attitude is appreciated. In Kabul the British Minister is Sir William Fraser Tytler. He is no stranger to Afghanistan. An experienced officer of the Indian Political Department he has served on the frontier for eight years as a soldier.

So you see this new phase of the war brings into even more vivid relief than ever the astonishingly extensive part which India is playing in the defence of Empire communications and of her vast domains. You might almost say that, supported by British sea power and the R.A.F., India's army now mans the southern bastion of defence against enemy attacks on Asia. From Libya, Abyssinia, Eritrea, Somaliland, to Syria, Iraq, and then, with a leap, from the outer marches of Baluchistan to Burma and Malaya, Indian soldiers are on guard, quitting themselves right well as the stirring records clearly show. They demonstrate the value of Indian cooperation to the Empire, and the strength and prestige which India derives as a notable partner in the Empire's fight for civilisation.

ESCAPED AIRMEN RETAKEN

After one of the biggest man hunts in the North of England, four of the five Nazi airmen who escaped from an internment camp have been recaptured.

The airmen cut their way through barbed wire to escape late at night. All were members of one of the Luftwaffe's ace bombing squadrons.

Bloodhounds were used to track the fugitives, and after a 12-hour hunt by police and soldiers two of them were caught on the moors 15 miles from the camp.

All-Night Search

Then, after an all-night search, two more were recaptured. Only one now remains at large.

All but one of the escaped airmen were wearing prison uniform. The hunt for the remaining fugitive has been intensified.

DEAN OF YORK DEAD

The Very Rev. Herbert Newell Bate, 69, Dean of York, has died.

YOUNG JEW'S AIRCRAFT INVENTION

A twenty-four-year-old Palestinian Jew, serving with the R.A.F. in the Western Desert, has perfected an important invention for the improvement of aviation, according to a Jerusalem newspaper.

He has been ordered to London immediately to submit the invention to the Air Ministry, it is added.

'PLANE'S DIVE ON NAZI SHIP

An R.A.F. plane attacked a German naval vessel at such a low altitude that it almost collided with a mast. The plane was one of a number of medium bombers which swept hundreds of miles of the North Sea in moonlight in search of enemy shipping.

The pilot told of sighting two naval vessels off the Frisian Island of Texel.

"I manoeuvred to attack and flew over the larger of the two vessels almost at deck level," he said. "As the observer called out 'Bombs gone' I saw that we were just about to hit the stern wireless mast and I hauled back the control column. I just cleared the mast but got no thanks from the rear gunner, who was squashed flat in his turret by our vertical climb."

"Both ships opened up, trying to scissor us between streams of light tracer. There were also the white flashes of heavy flak, but we got away and then ventured back to take one more look. The ship we had bombed had turned her nose to the coast and was listing, and we could see that she was now lower in the water. We returned home as happy as a dog with three tails."

HARLEY-ST. FACES A PROBLEM

THE COMPLAINT THAT MANY SPECIALISTS AND GENERAL CONSULTANTS IN THE HARLEY STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD "CAN NO LONGER EARN ENOUGH IN FEES TO PAY THEIR RENTS," WHILE EMPLOYMENT IS FOUND FOR ALIEN DOCTORS, WAS MADE RECENTLY BY A SPECIALIST IN HIGH-FREQUENCY TREATMENT.

This specialist went on to say that since high-frequency work was forbidden by the Home Secretary, and his apparatus was removed, he had been ruined. "I have applied to the Ministry of Health for part-time employment," he added, "and I have been told that there is none available, although I have given them the name of one of their own hospitals of 800 beds which has not a physiotherapist on the staff."

An official explanation is that every medical man up to the age of 55, if he is fit, can go into the R.A.M.C.

AN AMERICAN SAYS: —

NAZIS DREAD BOMBINGS BY BRITAIN

ON MARCH 12, THE NIGHT THE BRITISH BOMBED BERLIN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SPRING, I WAS IN THE DEUTSCHER AUSLAND CLUB, WHICH MEANS GERMAN FOREIGN CLUB AND IS THE PLACE WHERE DR. GOEBBELS' PROPAGANDA MINISTRY LETS THE FOREIGN PRESS BUY ITS DRINKS AND ABSORB THE HEAT FOR THE NOMINAL DUES OF 20 MARKS A MONTH, WRITES CARL B. WALL, IN "P.M."

The club is in a four or five-storey building in the Leipziger Platz in the heart of Berlin. To get there from the Hotel Adlon, you take the subway which runs under the Hermann Goering Strasse and get off at Potsdamer Platz which is only one station away.

As you come out of the brightly lighted subway into the blackout you have to stand still for a few seconds until your eyes get accustomed to the blackness. For even after dark, trolley and bus traffic is quite heavy in Potsdamer Platz and their dim, bluish lights have a way of bearing down on you suddenly like speed boats coming out of the fog.

The Foreign Club

I have never seen the outside of the Foreign Club except in the blackout, so I can't tell whether it is brick or stone or new or very old. In the darkness, it seems to be part of one great building which stretches for about 100 yards around the semi-circle of the Leipziger Platz.

On the night of the bombing I had had a late dinner and had gone up to the bar for a drink about 10.45. There was some kind of a party going on that night. I never did find out, but I think it was being given by one of the big shots of the Propaganda Ministry. There were two soldiers in the room. One of them was a lieutenant in a panzer division. The other was a private, who was playing an accordion.

Nothing To Be Proud Of

After a while I got talking to the lieutenant, who told me he had been in the Holland campaign the spring before. He didn't seem particularly proud of it, and he didn't talk a great deal about it.

"I remember the way the poppies looked in Holland," he said. "We went rolling along the roads in the early morning, and it didn't seem to me that there could be any war at all. It was just like riding through miles and miles of poppy gardens."

The lieutenant had brought some phonograph records to the party with him. One of them was "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line." He had Charlie play it over and over again on the machine back of the bar. He thought it was very funny. So did Charlie.

I think they must have played that record at least 15 times when Jack Fleischer of the United Press came in.

"There's an air-raid alarm outside," he said to me. "Don't say anything to the bartender or he won't give us another drink."

Fleischer had been through the air raids of last fall and winter but I hadn't. This was my first. I had a curious, tight feeling in my stomach and my heart began to pound harder. I looked at the clock behind the bar. It was 11.35. The phonograph was still grinding out "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line."

Like everyone else in Berlin, I had been waiting for the British to come. It was now March 12 and they hadn't bombed Berlin since the night of Dec. 19. Everyone was expecting hell. Revenge for London. The new American bombers.

"Smell The Fear"

For the last week, during the first clear nights of the new moon, you could smell the fear. Long before midnight the streets were empty. There were only a few stragglers in the subways.

You could hear passing phrases as people hurried past you in the blackout. The British . . . They're coming tonight . . . or to-morrow . . . the wind it is clear. You kept hearing things like that in the streets, in restaurants, in theatre, and you knew that the people of Berlin were in mortal fear of "der bomben."

I had been waiting, too. I was curious to find out whether I could take it. The first thing I did when Fleischer said there was an alarm was to go to the men's washroom and throw cold water on my face. I don't know why I did that.

When I got back to the bar the man from the cloakroom was there. He was telling everyone that there was an air raid on. He said the sirens in the streets had been going for the last 15 or 20 minutes. He had just finished speaking when we heard the first of the guns. They sounded dull and a long way off.

"There is an air-raid shelter in the basement," said the man from the cloakroom. "Everyone had better go down there." "It's no good. We might just as well stay up here. If we're going to get hit we might just as well get hit on the top floor as on the bottom."

Listening To The Report

Freda, the waitress, began bringing out large candelabras and putting them on the tables. This was in case the power plant was hit and the light's went out. The phonograph had stopped and the room was quiet now. We were all listening to the guns. They sounded like thunder, moving closer and closer. The sound came in waves with perhaps 30-second intervals of silence, and someone told me that the bombers were passing over the outer ring of anti-aircraft defence to the west.

Someone else said they were probably headed right for us. He pointed out that we were in a great place to get it and that we were centrally situated for a good blitz. Two railway stations, the Potsdamer Bahnhof and the Anhalter Bahnhof were only a few blocks away. And we were practically next door to Hitler's Reich Palace, Ribbentrop's Chancellery and Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. He wasn't just talking, either.

The firing became more intense. As it did, I had a curious surge of happiness—that's the only word I can think of. I was happy because I had been afraid so long that I would be afraid, and now I wasn't. I mention this only because I think it is probably the normal reaction of the average person to air raids.

Full Moon

I was curious now. I wanted to see what was going on. With some of the others I left the bar and went into a darkened room on the same floor. There was a large window there which looked out over the city toward the west and Brandenburger Tor.

The light of the full moon seemed to pale even the powerful searchlights which criss-crossed the skies. I saw the lights pick up the British planes several times that night. I had always thought the bombers were paint-

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DODGED WORK, FINED

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The magistrate referred the case to the Minister for National Services, Mr. Bevin, to decide whether the men should be called up for the Army.

The port superintendent at Manchester suspended 500 dockers who went on strike demanding double pay for overtime. The superintendent threatened to employ the Pioneer Corps on the work.

In similar circumstances at Liverpool, 1,000 men were suspended. The port superintendent telling them that a refusal to work at night would result in dismissal.

ed black or gray as protection against the searching lights, but that night their silver bodies seemed to glint like fireflies high above the earth. I saw as many as six of them caught in the lights at a time. The white puffs of the anti-aircraft burst within what seemed inches of their tails. It seemed incredible that they could keep going but they did. That night, I didn't see a single plane hit. In fact, during the three raids I watched over Berlin, I never did see a British plane fall, although the next day the Germans always said they had hit at least seven or eight.

None Shot Down

I talked to other American correspondents about that. They said that last fall when the English were bombing Berlin steadily for 40 nights—night after night—they had seen as many as eight or ten planes brought down during a single raid. But not one of them saw a British bomber hit in the raids this spring.

A German acquaintance of mine, who has a friend on one of the anti-aircraft crews, said the fire has been consistently slow—always behind the attacking planes. The only explanation for that, he said, was that the British must be using faster bombers than they were last fall and that it's the difference between firing at pheasants and wild ducks.

The raid that night lasted for six hours, until 5.30 in the morning. While I watched, I saw several fires flare up against the sky to the west. Later, I tried to poke around the city and see what damage had been done. But it was impossible to get near the bombed area. Street cars and taxis were rerouted. Police barred the way. I do believe, however, that heavy damage was done that night to factories and railways yards to the west of the city. The bombing was concentrated in that area. They kept it up for hour after hour and they started a lot of fires. I saw that with my own eyes.

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BRIDGE SWINDLES NO. 51

By The Four Aces

No straightforward line of play would have allowed South to make his contract, but he found a way to make it by means of a swindle:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A J 7 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

WEST

♠ 6
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ A 8 7 3
♣ J 10 9

EAST

♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ K 6 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 9 5 4
♥ 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West thought for a while and couldn't think of a better lead than the Jack of clubs. Then the dummy went down and South thought briefly. Since it was South's custom to study the dummy before playing to the first trick — even when the first play was obvious — he could safely think up a trick play without giving himself away.

Obviously, some bit of hocus-pocus was necessary for the success of the contract. A heart, two diamonds, and a club were sure losers. Of course, if the opponents would obligingly refrain from taking their heart trick while South tried to set up dummy's fourth low club, there might be a chance for the hand. And then South saw the light!

He played a low club from the dummy, East played the King, and South played his low club! East naturally thought his partner had the Ace of clubs; and, not having any good reason to shift to another suit, East returned another club. That was just what South had hoped for.

He won with the club Ace, drew two rounds of trumps, and cashed the club Queen, noting with elation that every adverse club had been drawn. Then he entered dummy with a trump to discard his losing heart on dummy's eight of clubs.

Note that this line of play amounted to the same thing as winning the club Ace and Queen and giving up the third trick in the suit. The difference was that losing the first trick concealed the true state of affairs from the defenders.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenker You Maier Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1NT 2♣
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner would raise hearts if he held reasonable support for the suit, so there is little point in rebidding your suit. Your partner's bid is a strong one, and you must encourage his game hopes by making a bid which shows your own strength.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for three hearts, 20% for p vs.

Question No. 791

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenker You Maier Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1NT 2♣
Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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MAYOR DIES IN RAID

The Mayor of Westminster, Councillor L. Eaton Smith, a deputy chief warden, was killed in a night raid on London.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

Comedienne—Huntin' (Ellis and E. D. Waters).

Gert And Daisy And The Tandem (E. and D. Waters).

Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.

Orchestra—From Monday On (Crosby-Barris).

She's Funny That Way (Moret-Whitting).

Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins. Vocal—Ever So Quiet (More).

At The Battle of Waterloo (Le Clerq).

Bobbie Comber with Orchestra. Grand Piano—Turn Back The Clock. Ah! The Moon Is Here! (From film "Footlight Parade").

Paul Whiteman presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano.

Comedienne—"Gert and Daisy"—Won't We 'ave A Party.

When It's Over (E. and D. Waters). Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra and Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).

Hungarian Czardas Dance. Hungarian Quick Czardas Dances.

Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms (More).

Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Callcott).

Lawrence Tibbett with Orch. You Were Unfaithful To Me; You Left Me, Don't Come Back.

Far Goes The Crane: Down It Pours In The Pusztas.

Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Wanting You (From film "The New Moon"—Romberg).

Lawrence Tibbett with Piano. You Gave Me The First Kiss; In The Cafe With Glittering Mirrors.

Out In The Pusztas I Plough And Sow: It's A Great Pity (Bodrog).

Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

Vol. Vista Cally Star (I Found My Lucky Star—Callard).

Slop! It's Wonderful (Reichner-Boland)—Fox-Trots.

Dipsy Doodle—Swing Fox-Trot (Clinton).

I Wouldn't Take A Million—Fox-Trot (From film "Young People"—Mack Gordon—Harry Warren).

Looking For Yesterday—Fox-Trot (Delange—Van Heussen).

Two Dreams Met—Fox-Trot (From film "Down Argentine Way"—(Gordon—Warren)).

We Three (My Echo, My Shadow and Me)—Fox-Trot (Robertson).

It's Always You.

Birds Of A Feather—Fox-Trots (Both from film "Road To Zanzibar"—J. Burke—Jimmy Van Heussen).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Peg O' My Heart.

Night Song.

Bunny Berigan and His Orch.

Tango—They Met In Rio.

Rumba—Chica Chica Boom Chic (Both from film "That Night In Rio").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Quick-Step—Maybe.

Fox-Trot—All The Things You Are.

Joe Loss and His Orch.

Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again.

Billie Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake.

One Step—Let The Bands Play.

Harry Roy and His Band.

7.17 p.m.—Hawaiian Guitar Solos.

An Old Hawaiian Guitar.

Swanee Mooh (Leon, Towers and Pelosi).

Len Fillis with Piano.

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7.30 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

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Major and Minor (McGill and F. Yule) w. orch.

Comedian—Brewster's Millions (Noble and Furber).

Jack Buchanan and Gerald and His Orch.

Comedienne—Bluebeard—A Bed-Time Story (Wynne).

Wish Wynne.

Vocal—Little Drummer Boy (Noel and Pelosi).

So Many Memories (Woods). Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Y. K. Sze (Bass) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Air from "Il Barbiere": La Calunia (Rossini).

(b) Air from "Simon Boccanegra": Il Lacerato Spirito (Verdi).

2. (a) Panis Angelicus (Cesar Franck).

(b) Don Juan's Serenade (Tchaikovsky).

(c) Erl King (Schubert).

8.52 p.m.—Violin Solo by Joseph Szgell.

Rondo (Schubert, Op. 53—arr. Friedberg).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Bell Medley:

Intro: Bells Across The Meadow (Kietelbey); Monastery Bells (Wely); Voice Of The Bells (Thurban); Fire Bell (Kempinski); Legend Of The Bells (Planquette); The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams).

Valse Serebre (F. Godin, arr. A. Lotter).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—A Message from Her Majesty The Queen.

9.30 p.m.—A Short Elgar Programme. Pomp And Circumstance March No. 4 in G.

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Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.45.10.00 p.m.—News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—J. H. Squire: Celest Octet.

Souvenir (Drdia, arr. Willoughby).

Phantom Minuet (Hope).

Song Of The Waterfall.

Scent Of The Jasmine (J. H. Squire).

The Wedding Of The Rose (Jessel, arr. Willoughby).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Mendelssohn Programme.

"Flugal's Cave"—Overture, Op. 28.

The BBC Symphony Orch.

"Songs Without Words"—A May Breeze.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano.

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3rd Mov: Scherzo.
4th Mov: Finale.
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11.00 p.m.—London—"News From Home"—By Howard Marshall.
11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

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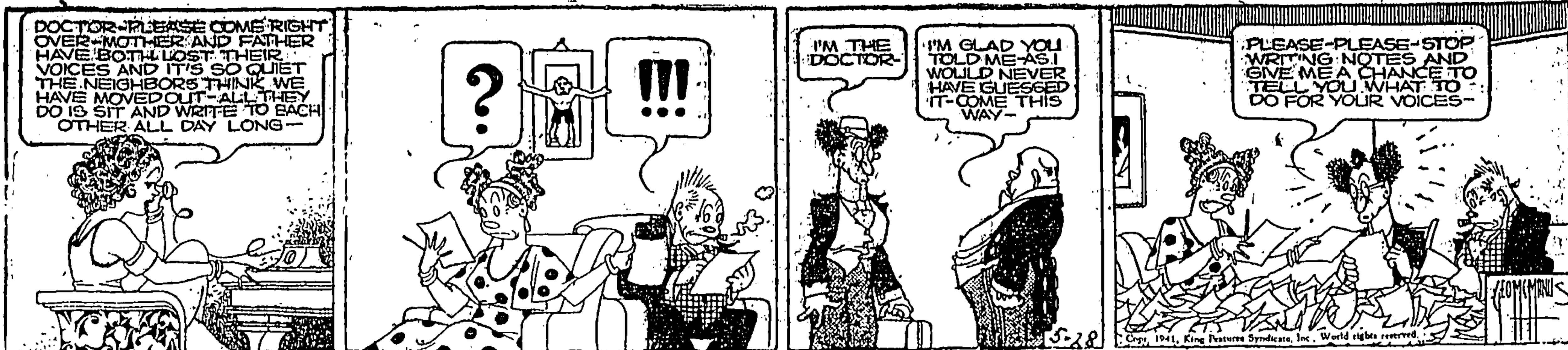
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By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Hot Weather Blues

Summertime is opportune for any woman to go on a scientific elimination diet, providing her daily tasks are not too arduous.

One must always eat enough food to supply sufficient energy to cope with one's daily schedule, but the majority of women eat the wrong menus. Food can be packed with vitamin energy and still appear to be rather unimportant as for instance, a cocktail of mixed fresh vegetable juice provides more energy than an ordinary counter sandwich.

Here is a suggested vitamin diet to eliminate body toxins. It is presented through the courtesy of a famous New York beautician who claims it gives women "a new lease on life."

The Diet

One hour before breakfast drink two glasses of water and then go through your exercise schedule.

Breakfast: Two whole, juicy oranges; eat thin white skin. One pear with skin. Black coffee; one glass of water.

Eleven o'clock: Two whole oranges; one glass of water.

One o'clock: One bowl of clear vegetable soup (no meat stock).

One slice tomato with skin, one whole fleshy carrot with skin. Two whole oranges; one glass of water.

Three o'clock: One large glass of tomato juice (no seasoning). Two whole oranges; one apple with skin; one glass of water.

Six o'clock: One cup of clear vegetable soup; one whole grape-fruit on one half head of lettuce with mineral-oil dressing made with lemon juice; six stalks of celery (eat leaves too); one tomato; one orange; glass of water.

Bedtime: One whole orange, one



Whichever, youthful beauty is the envy of many women who have neglected to preserve their own.

cup of hot water with juice of one-half lemon.

One is cautioned to eat everything the diet contains every day for one week. No other snacks or drinks are allowed! When the

week has finished you should continue with ordinary well-balanced menus, the larger part of which should be fresh vegetables and fruits. Repeat the diet every two or three months.

Your doctor will tell you that there are enough calories (and vitamins) in this elimination diet to allow you to carry on with your normal duties. However, it is best to discuss it with him before eating it for seven days, particularly if you have not been well.

Its Purpose

This diet is not for reducing. Stout and thin women alike may follow it. Its sole purpose is to eliminate body poisons and to re-create fresh new beauty of body. Help it along by exercising regularly and not cheating the least bit!



Dieting—Dot says the most completely disillusioning thing in her life is the bathroom scale.

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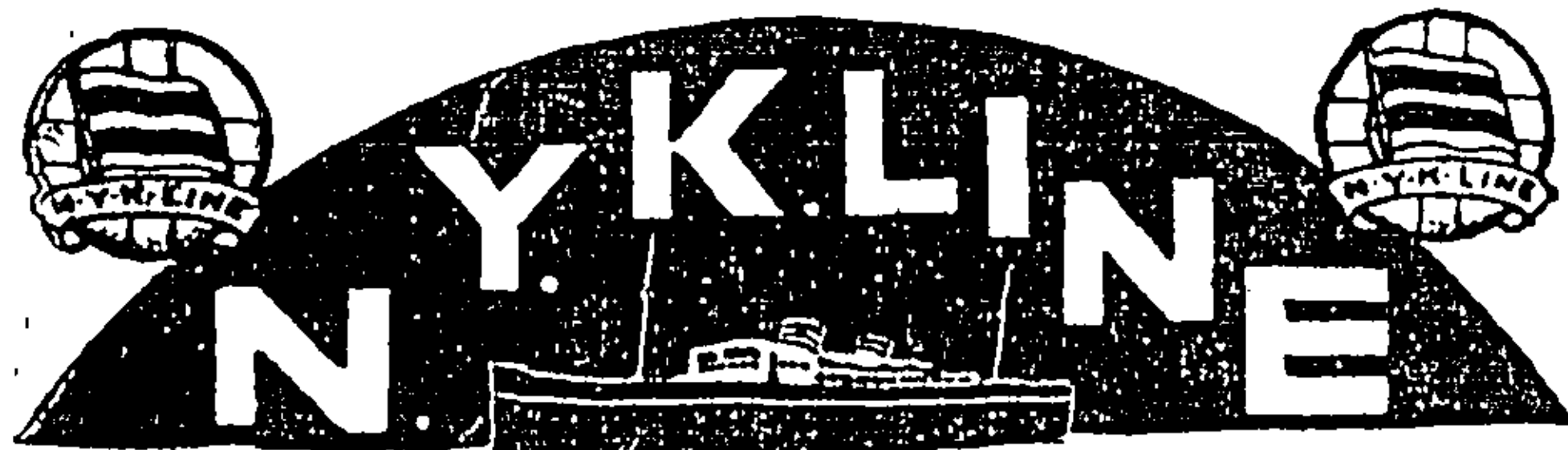
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**SPIES
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AT CRETE**

Groundwork for the Nazi invasion of Crete was carried out by hundreds of German agents, assisted by Greek traitors.

The fifth columnists were the same men and women who moved into Greece while Germany was supposed to be keeping out of the war in Albania, and who spent last winter in widespread spying activities.

They had done their job in Greece so well that when the German attack came, and the collapse of the Greek Army appeared a certainty, they were ordered to move on to Crete.

Some of the spies actually got away from Greece with British convoys in the final evacuation.

They have been moving freely in Crete for the past month in the guise of refugees, preparing the ground for the Nazis and keeping in touch with Berlin by short-wave radio.

I learned these facts from my own observations during my three-day stay in Crete, as well as from officers stationed on the island (writes Robert St. John, Associated Press correspondent.)

During my stay in Crete I was constantly being arrested and questioned along with Terence Atherton, of the "Daily Mail," and Hill, of the "Chicago Tribune," on suspicion of being a German agent.

Meanwhile, the real agents were avoiding the military centres, and were concentrating their activities in the outlying areas, where swarms of Nazi planes and gliders dropped their parachutists.

I was told that some Greek fifth columnists took large fees for smuggling Nazi agents across to Crete.

**MAN AND
WOMAN
DEAD IN
FLAT**

IN RESPONSE TO A TELEPHONE CALL A DOCTOR WENT TO THE FLAT OF MRS. EDITH MARY GREGORSON, IN THE AVENUE, BRANKSOME PARK, BOURNEMOUTH, AND FOUND THE BODY OF THOMAS LEADBETTER BOARDMAN, 50, A CHAUFFEUR AND MANSERVANT WHO LIVED AT THE FLAT.

He also found Mrs. Gregorson in a collapsed condition. She died almost immediately.

Mrs. Gregorson was 52 and the wife of John Arthur Gregorson, stated to be a barrister.

When the inquest was opened Reuben Cyril Rowley, who did the heavy work at the flat, said that Mrs. Gregorson suffered sometimes from ill-health, and Boardman waited on her. Mr. Gregorson visited the flat frequently.

Rowley added that Boardman had often talked to him about poisons. He appeared to have a knowledge of them.

The inquest was adjourned.

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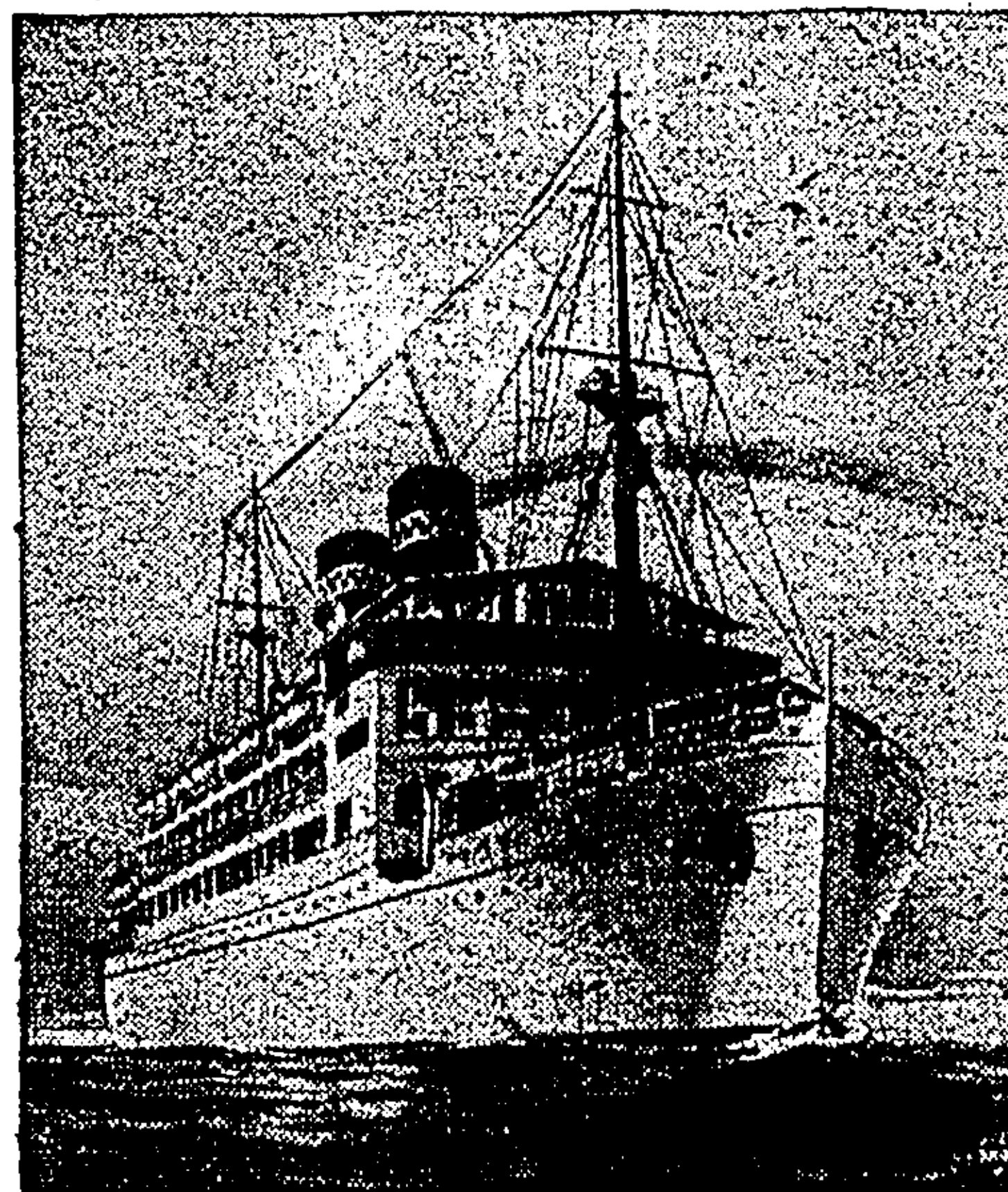
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FRENCH AIRMAN'S FEATS

A fine record is shown by a fighter pilot of the Free French Air Force who has been created Companion of the Ordre de la Liberation by General de Gaulle.

The pilot — a Lieutenant — performed the following exploits:

On December 1, 1940, shot down his first German aircraft.
 March 24, 1941, attacked twelve enemy aircraft single-handed, shot down one and returned safely.
 May 10/11, brought down an enemy bomber over London.
 May 26, shot down an M.E.109.
 June 22, destroyed another M.E.109 over France, smashing the enemy machine in two.
 July 12, flying low, he attacked and destroyed an enemy aircraft on the ground in northern France.
 July 17, sank an enemy mine-layer with cannon fire.
 July 26, brought down seven enemy aircraft.
 July 31, attacked three M.E.109s over Dunkirk, bringing down two and seriously damaging the third.
 This brought his score to nine officially with two probably driven down into the sea. British Wireless.

JUDGE EXONERATES CAMP BUILDERS

THE REPORT has been issued of the inquiry by Mr. Justice Simonds into the allegations of corruption and wasteful costs in construction of militia camps.

The judge states that he has formed "the clear opinion that it is not necessary that any further action should be taken in respect of any of the allegations of a very serious character against contractors, surveyors and others in official positions which I have investigated."

Mr. Justice Simonds, Chancery Judge since 1937, was appointed to decide whether there was a prima facie case for further action after statements — recently described by the War Secretary, Capt. Macgibbon, as "much exaggerated" — that camps estimated to cost £220,000,000 had in fact cost four times as much.

The report recalls that the allegations had been brought to the notice of the War Office from the autumn of 1939 onwards, and had been referred to on more than one occasion in the House of Commons.

"I have obtained all the papers which could be relevant to the charges under review, and

and numerous and lengthy statements from the persons from whom the charges first emanated."

Misplaced Allegations

"Sometimes I found charges of corruption and dishonesty based on allegations of fact which, even if the facts alleged were proved up to the hilt, would not be inconsistent with the honesty and integrity of the persons charged."

"It is not always easy to disentangle charges of extravagance, inefficiency or incompetence from charges on which, if well founded, some criminal proceedings might be based."

The judge adds that his first conclusion is that proper inquiries were promptly made and apparently satisfactory explanations were obtained. His second is that the department was well justified in determining not to take further action.

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E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	19	0	5	0
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	20	27	0	7	0
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	24	0	9	0
J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	29	0	13	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	55	75	0	20	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Down	Pts.
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	10	9	0	1	239	169	70	0	18
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	12	8	1	3	268	200	68	0	17
J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	9	7	1	1	231	134	97	0	16
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	12	7	1	4	244	217	27	0	15
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	9	7	0	2	216	141	75	0	14
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	12	7	0	5	250	221	29	0	14
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	13	6	0	7	232	248	0	13	12
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	9	5	1	3	196	141	55	0	11
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	11	5	1	5	229	232	0	3	11
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	18	5	0	8	171	148	23	0	10
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	140	20	0	10
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	9	4	1	4	174	155	19	0	9
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	6	4	0	2	167	102	65	0	8
J. R. R. (H.K.F.C.)	6	4	0	2	122	118	4	0	8
M. F. Alarcon (Recreio)	7	4	0	3	135	143	0	8	8

SWEDEN BREAKS WORLD RECORD

The Swedish long-distance runner Gun-der Haegg established a new record for the 1,500 Metres flat race, clocking 3 mins 47 6/10 secs. at Stockholm yesterday.

The previous record-holder was Jack Lovelock, New Zealand Olympic star, whose time was 3 mins. 47 8/10 secs.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

While English Football is still in the throes of domestic trouble, Scottish Soccer, after only a few weeks rest, opened its new season on Saturday. Glasgow Rangers, only club running two teams, made a successful start, both win-ning.

Results in the Southern League were:—Aberdeen 2, Partick Thistle 2; Clyde 3, Falkirk 0; Dumbarton 3, Airdrie 5; Hamilton 3, Third Lanark 4; Hearts 3, Celtic 0; Morton 2, Hibernian 1; Queen's Park 1, Stirling 2; Rangers 3, Motherwell 0.

North-Eastern League.—Leith 3, Rangers 5; Raith 2, Aberdeen 4; Dundee United 1, East Fife 1; Dunfermline 7, St. Bernard's 3.—Reuter.

CHUNG HWA SUCCEED

Chung Hwa beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 19 runs to 8 in the only League Baseball game played yesterday at Chatham Road.

STANDINGS TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
Hong Kong Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Astoria/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.146

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Two matches will be played this evening in the Basketball League, when Ping Ching meet Wah Kui and Lu Leung encounter Victoria Recreation Club.

L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	0	4	157	160	0	3	8
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	9	4	0	5	168	171	0	3	8
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	0	7	211	214	0	3	8
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	13	4	0	9	220	300	0	80	8
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	4	3	0	1	93	80	13	0	6
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	98	93	5	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	86	99	0	13	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	3	0	4	121	146	0	25	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
A. G. Safford (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	49	37	12	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
A. Nissam (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	60	69	0	9	4
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	66	22	0	4
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	72	69	3	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	70	70	0	0	4
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	2	0	3	70	70	0	0	4
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	5	2	0	3	70	70	0	0	4
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	6	2	0	4	80	80	0	0	4
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	6	2	0	4	80	80	0	0	4
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	7	2	0	5	90	90	0	0	4
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	7	2	0	5	90	90	0	0	4
G. E. Ladd (C.C.C.)	8	2	0	6	100	100	0	0	4
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	8	2	0	6	100	100	0	0	4
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	9	2	0	7	110	110	0	0	4
A. G. Gardiner (H.K.E.R.C.)	9	2	0	7	110	110	0	0	4
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	10	2	0	8	120	120	0	0	4
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	11	2	0	9	130	130	0	0	4
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	12	2	0	10	140	140	0	0	4
S. H. Strang (H.K.F.C.)	13	2	0	11	150	150	0	0	4
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	14	2	0	12	160	160	0	0	4
A. McKusker (H.K.C.C.)	15	2	0	13	170	170	0	0	4
L. E. Lammert (C.C.C.)	16	2	0	14	180	180	0	0	4
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	17	2	0	15	190	190	0	0	4
C. H. Fuller (K.F.C.)	18	2	0	16	200	200	0	0	4
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	19	2	0	17	210	210	0	0	4
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	20	2	0	18	220	220	0	0	4
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	21	2	0	19	230	230	0	0	4
F. K. Modj (C.C.C.)	22	2	0	20	240	240	0	0	4
M. Gutierrez (Recreio)	23	2	0	21	250	250	0	0	4
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	24	2	0	22	260	260	0	0	4
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	25	2	0	23	270	270	0	0	4
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	26	2	0	24	280	280	0	0	4
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	27	2	0	25	290	290	0	0	4
A. S. Mitche1 (H.K.C.C.)	28	2	0	26	300	300	0	0	4
I. Pau (C.C.C.)	29	2	0	27	310	310	0	0	4
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	30	2	0	28	320	320	0	0	4
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	31	2	0	29	330	330	0	0	4
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	32	2	0	30	340	340	0	0	4

BOWLER TURNS TO FISHING

By "Incog"

K. C. Hamilton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, "is packing up bowls to turn his attention to deep-sea fishing."

Hamilton told me this on Saturday, when he spoke about the success he had met with in Sydney, Australia, in January-February this year. His bag during those two months included seven marlins, which he caught in company with Maxie Lawson, a prominent member of the Deep Sea Fishing Association in Sydney. Hamilton says he is convinced marlin and sail-fish, which is a type of marlin, can be caught off Hong Kong waters. These fish cannot live in anything under 70 fathoms, and when the water off the Japanese coast is cooling, they migrate to the Philippines, passing Hong Kong on their way down. Unfortunately, says Hamilton, he has not been able to get any data as to the exact season for marlin fishing here, but he imagined it should be towards the end of the Summer.

220 Pounder

Hamilton's biggest catch in Sydney was one weighing 220 pounds, which kept him busy for over 11 hours before he finally landed it. The marlins are terrible fighters and they go through the water at the rate of 45 miles an hour—their speed is their only protection against tiger sharks, which make a point of attacking them. The little marlins are only about 45 pounds in weight, but the real giants go up to about 450 pounds, and when they are caught they leap out of the water, the first jump sometimes being as high as 30 feet, though Hamilton says the highest jump he saw was only 15 feet.

Disappointing Start

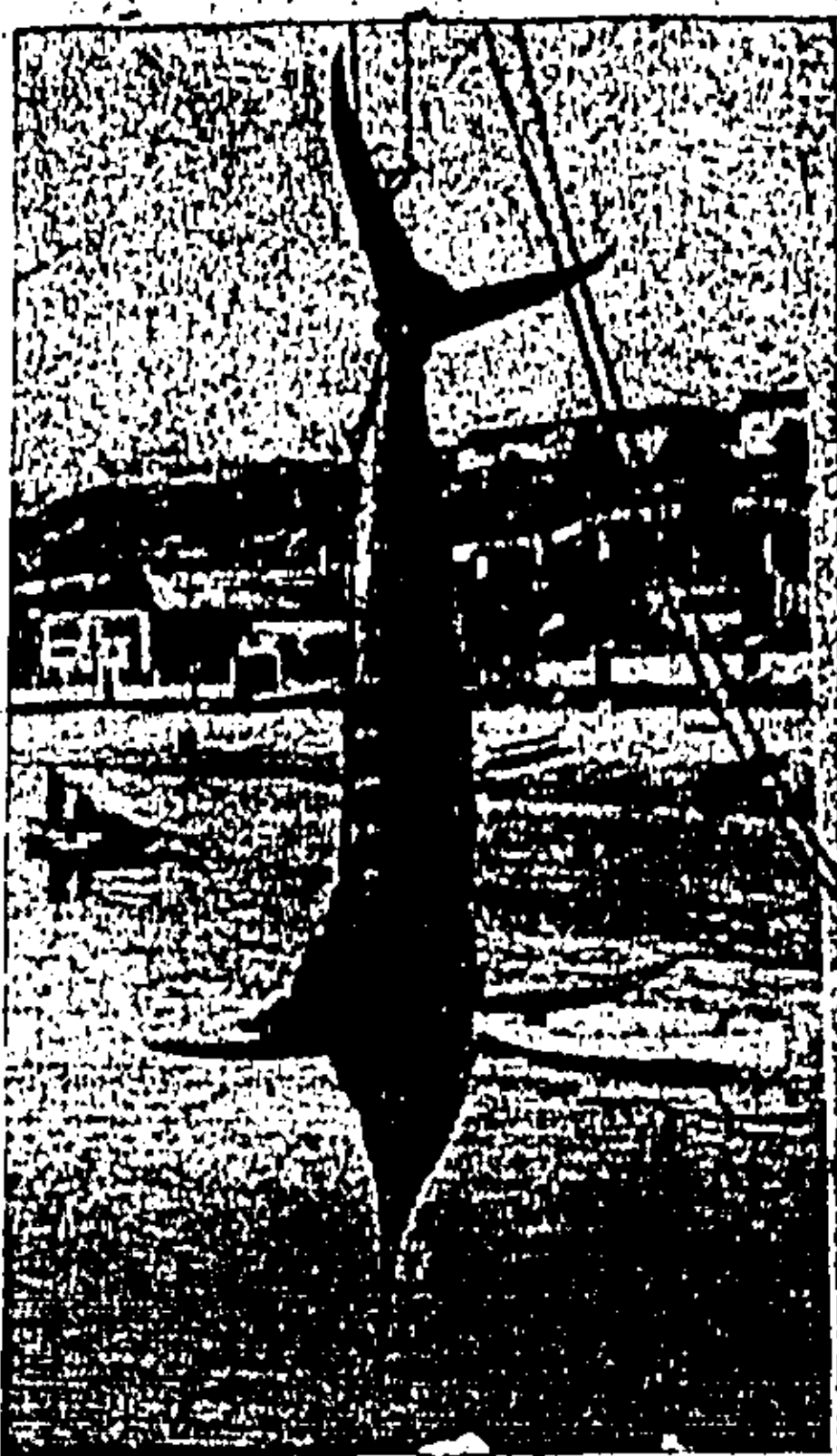
When he was in Sydney, Hamilton used a 36-strand line, but last week, when he went out on a deep-sea fishing expedition for the first time here, he took a 15-strand line. Reason for this was he did not want to risk breaking his 36-strand line until he had made sure that it was the marlin season here. Unfortunately for him, his first outing proved a disappointment in that they ran into rough weather and the wind and rain made fishing of any nature impossible. He is now on the look-out for a suitable boat, having already got all the necessary tackle, and is rather optimistic about his prospects of landing his first marlin here before the year is out.

SATURDAY SPORTS RESULTS

Followers of swimming were provided with some excellent sport at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday night when, contrary to general expectations, combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. team, beat Combined Chinese in the charity swimming gala by 16 points to 10. Outstanding feat of the evening was credited to Tsui Hang, newcomer to local competitive swimming, who defeated D. Hutchinson Colony 100 Yards champion, while Miss V. Churn, V.R.C. lady star performer, excelled in the relay events.

In the Baseball League U.S.S. Mindanao beat Sappers by 27 runs to 4 to retain the pennant, and Bagram Shield, while Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Civil Service Cricket Club in a postponed Second Division League tennis fixture by 7 sets to 2. Craigzower continued in winning vein in the premier Division of the Lawn Bowls League, in the Second Division of which Kowloon Football Club, thanks to a clean sweep win over Club de Recreio have displaced Kowloon Pioneers at the head of the League standings, results, at a glance, of Saturday's League programme being—

FIRST DIVISION			
Rec. "A"	08	K.B.G.C. "B"	51
C.C.C.	72	K.B.G.C. "A"	55
P.R.C.	71	K.D.R.C.	62
C.S.C.C.	59	I.R.C.	65
SECOND DIVISION			
Rec.	50	K.F.C.	81
Talkoo	61	H.K.C.C.	62
K. Tong	61	H.K.F.C.	41
C.C.C.	62	K.C.C.	64
THIRD DIVISION			
H.K.C.C.	69	C.C.C.	40
K.B.G.C.	62	Elec.	58
K.F.C.	65	Rec.	45
H.K.F.C.	62	P.R.C.	65



K. C. Hamilton's first big thrill in deep-sea fishing, 4 miles outside Sydney, Australia, this 220-pound marlin resisted for 1½ hours before it was finally landed.

Snead Retains Title

WITH ROUNDS OF 71, 68, 68 AND 69, GIVING A TOTAL OF 274, SAM SNEAD (HOLDER) OF HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA, WON THE CANADIAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT TORONTO ON SATURDAY.

The runner-up was Robert Gray, a Toronto professional, who returned cards of 70, 65, 70 and 71 to total 276.

In the last round Gray was in trouble at the par four 3rd, where he was out of bounds for a 6. He then played steadier and had three birdies between the 9th and the 16th holes, with the huge crowd roaring encouragement at every shot. He, however, missed a 15-foot putt at the 18th.

Snead, who had an eagle three at the 15th, was in terrific form throughout, securing four birdies and a bogey four at the 18th, where he was sand-trapped.

Gray's brilliant display in the early rounds raised the hope that the title would come to Canada for the first time since 1914, but Gray is a notorious hot and cold golfer, rising at times to heights of brilliance to descend to only moderate golf on other occasions. Nevertheless, his fight on this occasion thrilled the Canadians.

Gordon Brydson, of Toronto, was third with rounds of 73, 70, 68 and 67 (278).

At the 17th Gray needed a birdie to tie with Snead, but returned bogey, and then had another bogey at the 18th.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are matches in the Lawn Tennis League to be played to-day:—

First Division—J.R.C. v C.R.C.
Second Division—S.C.A.A. v K.T.G.C.A.

Third Division—K.I.T.C. v C.R.C. (1).

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Hong Kong English Forum are staging a swimming gala at Chinese Bankers' Association Bathing Shed, North Point, to-day, commencing at 8 p.m.

A British Empire cricket team beat London Counties by 67 runs in a one-day match between pioneer clubs of wartime cricket on Saturday. British Empire scored 187, and London Counties 120.—Reuter.



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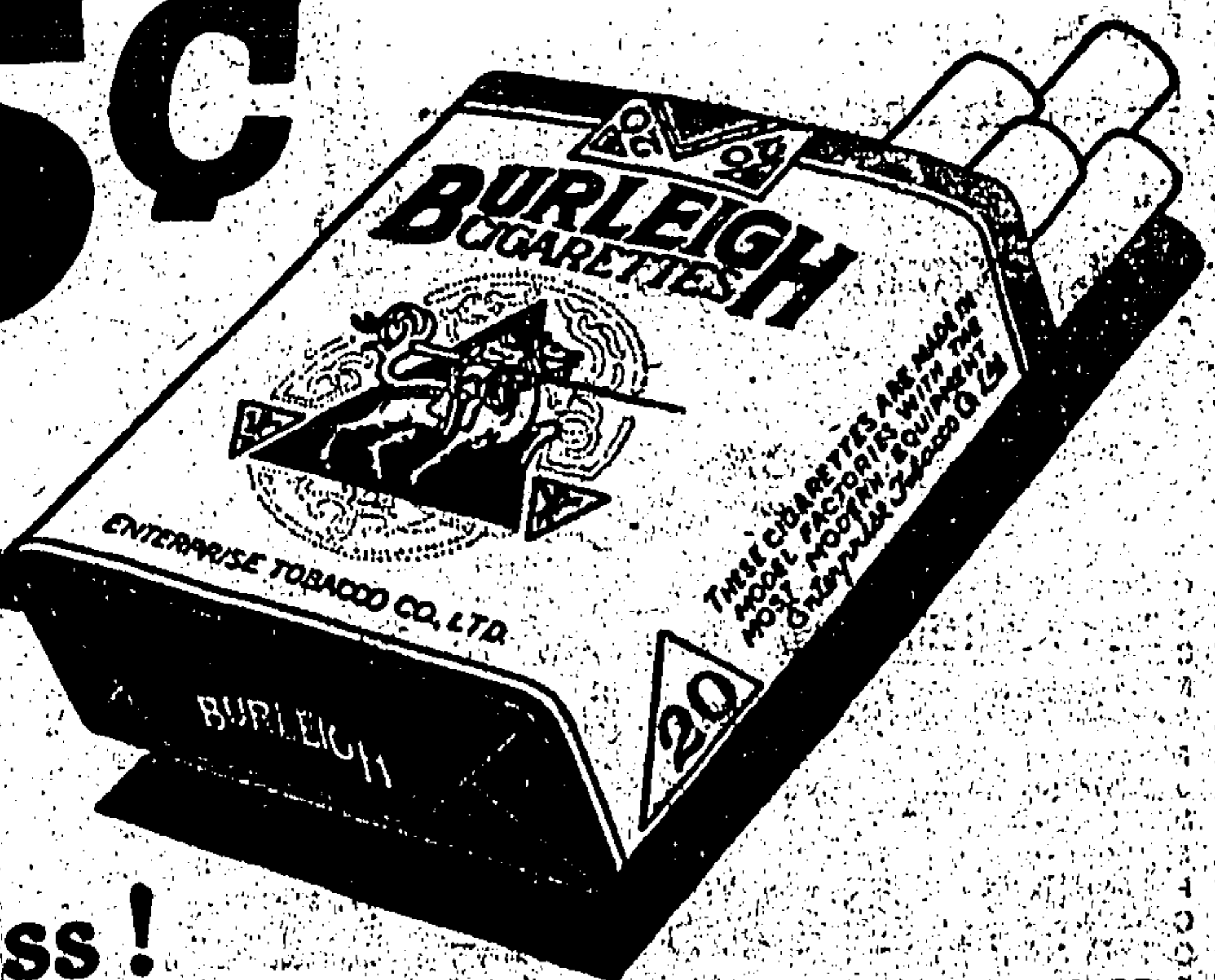
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THAI RELIEF AFTER A CRITICAL FORTNIGHT

But Not Yet Out Of The Wood

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PLANS THE STRICTEST ENFORCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN AS LONG AS THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE TOKYO IS CONTEMPLATING FURTHER AGGRESSION, ESPECIALLY IN THAILAND, IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

U.S. CRUISERS LEAVE BRISBANE

The two heavy United States cruisers, "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City," which arrived in Brisbane unexpectedly last Tuesday on a training cruise, sailed yesterday.

Their destination is not disclosed. — Reuter.

NAZIS PREPARE ACTION

The Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1. — Reuter.

No licences have been granted for the import of silk, it is understood, and few, if any, will be unless there is a lessening of the tension in the Pacific. The resumption of "peace trade" will be considered if the Japanese refrain from attacking Thailand.

The U.S. Government's position is that the Japanese will not be permitted to use the benefits of American trade for the purpose of strengthening their military machine.

Greatest fear is that the Japanese will attack Singapore as a vital step in Axis control of the sea, which President Roosevelt is committed to prevent.

It is believed in Washington that if the United States, Britain, China and the Dutch East Indies stand together in the Pacific, there is a good chance that the Japanese will hesitate to risk a conflict, and war may be avoided. — International News Service.

Not Yet Out Of Wood

After a most critical fortnight members of the Thai Cabinet and diplomats in Bangkok are for the first time sitting back, mopping their brows, collecting their

thoughts and sorting them out.

Typical shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True we have just been through a hell of a bad time but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course we know we are not yet out of the wood."

MEANWHILE IN ADELAIDE, "DEVELOPMENTS WHICH BROOKED NO DELAY" WAS THE REASON GIVEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FOR THE CANCELLATION OF HIS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA AND HIS DECISION TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO MELBOURNE FOR THE FULL MEETING OF THE CABINET CALLED FOR NOON.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS MODIFIED

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Modifying Their Claims

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In the far north the German and Finnish troops do not appear to be making much progress. A communique issued by the Finnish High Command in Helsinki yesterday made vague claims of the encirclement of Soviet troops and the driving of wedges into the Russian lines without mentioning a single place name.

MEANWHILE SOVIET GUERRILLAS IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW ARE CONTINUING TO WORK IN THE GERMAN REAR. SOME OF THEM ARE OPERATING AS FAR BACK AS Lwow. IN POLAND, OVER 250 MILES BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

Finnish Claims

The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communique.

It says: "The enemy's fortified positions were broken through and wedges driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions were cut off."

"There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance."

The communique adds that completion of the encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing but it does not mention a single place. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 10.30 last night:

"In the course of August 10, our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Solsti, Kholm, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Uman.

"Our air force, in cooperation with the land forces, inflicted blows on the enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9, our air force brought down 45 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own aircraft.

"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 9, 10 German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported.

"During the day of August 9, our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow civil defence zone." — Reuter.

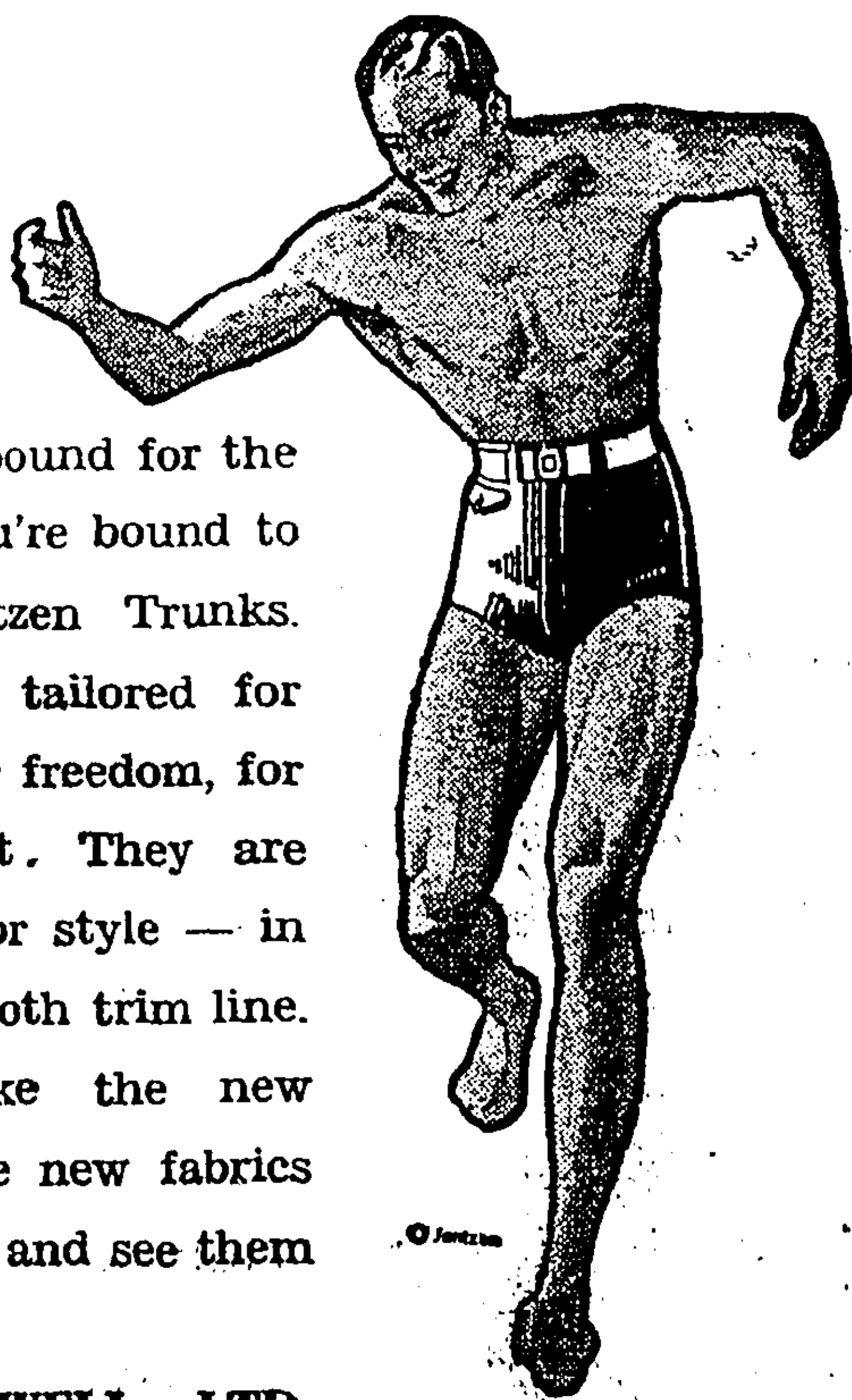
NO VILLAGE SPARED

The thoroughness of Russia's "scorched earth" policy is amply demonstrated by the German war films—propaganda company reports, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

"No town, no village, no settlement remains spared. Hundreds of thousands of dwellings have been razed to the ground," he writes.

He adds that a German war correspondent who toured the whole front concluded his report by saying: "The end of the fighting cannot yet be foreseen." — Reuter.

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GERMANY'S CLAIMS MODIFIED

New Slant On Ukraine Drive No Decision Yet On Southern Front

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS OF STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPERS CITE THE MILITARY OPINION THAT FRESH GERMAN SUCCESS IN THE UKRAINE IS SO COMPREHENSIVE THAT A RUSSIAN ABANDONMENT OF THE GREAT CURVE OF THE DNIEPER, ODESSA AND THE BLACK SEA COAST IS CONSIDERED IMMINENT BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

GIGANTIC NAZI LOSSES IN RUSSIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The N.B.C. in New York yesterday picked up a German broadcast stating that Junkers transports ferried 281,000 wounded from the central Russian front.

This is considered to indicate the giant proportions of Nazi wounded since only a small percentage are brought by plane instead of by land. — International News Service.

BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

The Axis powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in western Europe and the Middle East during last week.

Indications of the intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with the slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses over Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain.

In daylight sweeps across the Channel 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

Britain lost only one machine in the Middle East, where 16 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolaiev whence it will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre.

It is declared, however, that victories already won do not mean that the decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

As regards Gen. Timoshenko's appeal to local populations to destroy anything likely to be useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume the responsibility for the feeding and the safety of the populations where guerilla sabotage is practised.

The Nyheter's Berlin correspondent says that reports show guerilla bands are still active behind the Germans, sabotaging, holding farms and even villages.

Appeal To Surrender

An appeal by German prisoners of war captured by the Russians to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to the Soviet Communiqué.

The supplement describes how the 307th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then was surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, trying to escape jumped into the lake to swim to the opposite shore but were practically all drowned or shot by Russian snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

Fatal War

A number of prisoners addressed a letter to their comrades of the 63rd Division urging them to surrender. The letter says:

"We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war for us against Soviet Russia to the northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Mannerheim and his accomplices to acquire the Karelian colonies.

The Finnish people hate us, the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use binding your destinies with the destinies of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families, and liberating Germany.

MODIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Following their recent claims of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis yesterday fell strangely silent about operations on the eastern front.

The German midday communiqué resurrected the well-worn phrase about "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims. Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

According to the Moscow communiqué battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely, Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines; Korosten, important Ukrainian railway town, 90 miles northwest of Kiev, and the capture of which the Germans recently claimed, and the Estonian sector, where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to Leningrad.

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GAYDA DROPS A HINT TO JAPAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

American war supplies for Russia via Vladivostok "bring the European war into the Japanese sphere," Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's spokesman, declared in an editorial yesterday.

"Russia has aggressive designs against Japan in collusion with Chungking in alliance with Anglo-Saxons," Gayda declared. — International News Service.

German Plot In Chile

IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN SANTIAGO YESTERDAY THAT A NAZI PLOT HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN SOUTHERN CHILE.

Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Frutillas, Llanquihue, Puerto Mont and Puerto Varas. The arrests followed house searches. A quantity of propaganda material has been seized.

FAR EAST POSITION STEADIER

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who arrived in New York yesterday on the way to the Far East, where he will be Minister of State, said in an interview that British administration in the Far East would be centralised in Singapore.

Mr. Duff-Cooper, who is accompanied by his wife, expressed the belief that the reaction of the Japanese Government "to the strong measures taken by Britain and the United States as the result of Japan's intrusion into Indo-China," had shown "a distinctly steady and healthy effect."

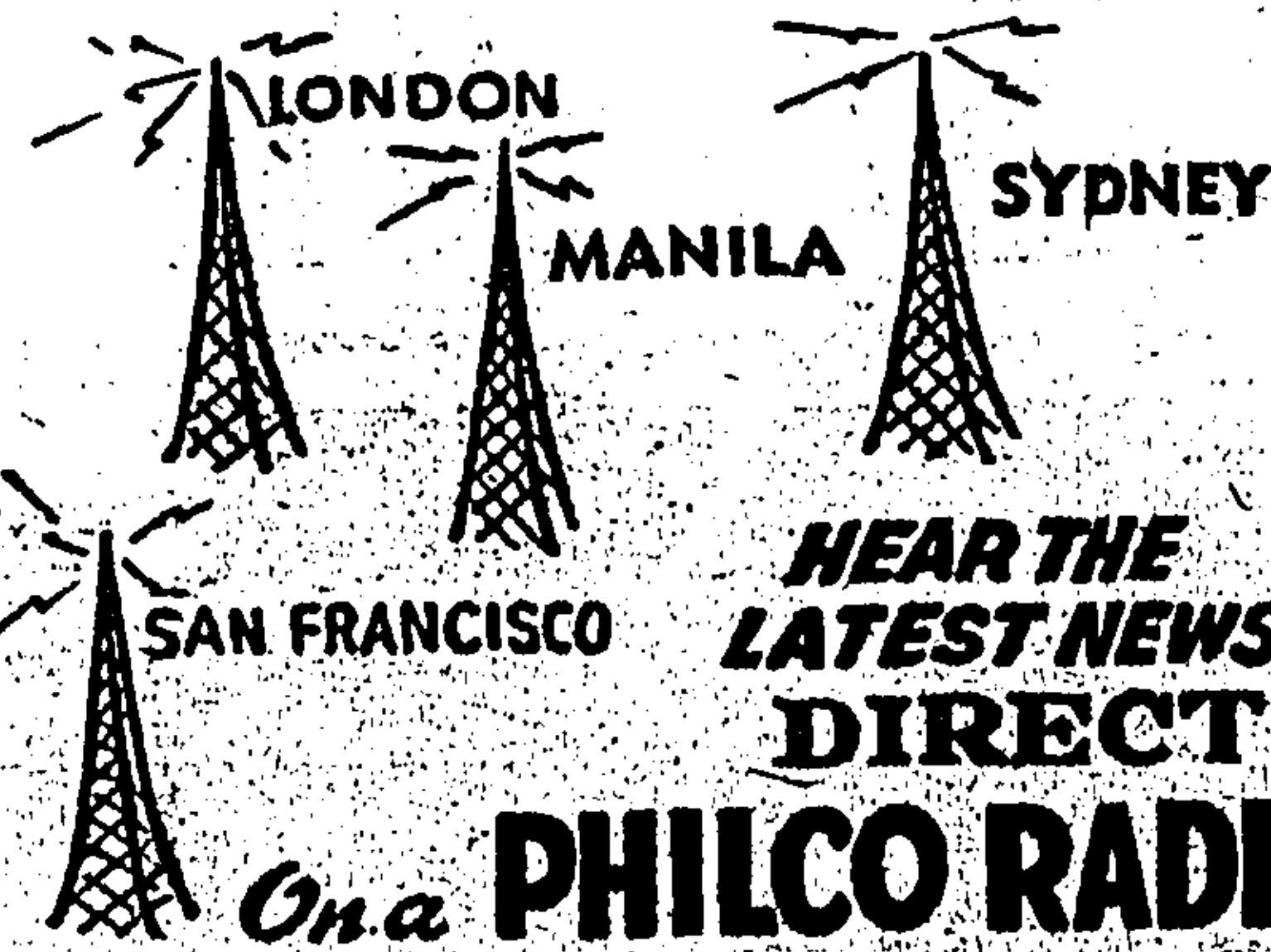
To what he described as rumours that full use was not being made of Lend material, Mr. Duff-Cooper declared: "We are now getting a full flow of American production and materials—all of first-rate quality."

All had been utilised and were playing "a tremendous part" in Britain's war programme.

Mr. Duff-Cooper listened at LaGuardia Airport to the Queen's broadcast.

He said he would remain in the United States for about a fortnight. He would leave for Washington shortly and from there would fly to San Francisco whence he would take the Clipper east. — Reuter.

ter has been seized. The Chilean Minister of Interior is to make a statement. — Reuter.



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A FRENCH AGREEMENT WITH NAZIS?

GERMAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR THROUGH SPAIN TO MOROCCO EN ROUTE TO DAKAR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, WHO SAY THAT TWO PANZER DIVISIONS, COMPOSED OF 1,000 TANKS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ENTERED MOROCCO.

While world attention centres on the Russian war and the Japanese thrust, this reported secret German move is seen as the German answer to American occupation of Iceland and is aimed to forestall a possible American occupation of Dakar.

Government quarters in Washington make no comment.

President Roosevelt and the State Department have repeatedly warned Vichy and Lisbon that any change in the status quo would be a serious threat to American security, but American action is not likely if Vichy and Portugal do not resist.

General Franco is reported to have agreed to cooperate with Germany in any movement against Dakar or French Morocco, and Berlin is reported to be promising a large slice of French North-West Africa in return. — International News Service.

Discussions In Vichy

According to the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten's" Berlin correspondent political circles there believe the discussions in Vichy concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance also a certain degree of military collaboration.

This military collaboration, says the correspondent, includes the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is willing but Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares the Marshal's views. Darlan realises that such an agreement means a rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin Views

Berlin believes Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following the definite replacement of the armistice by a peace.

The United States' alleged intentions in regard to West Africa are the subject of lively discussion. Berlin "expects" American action in the near future. — Reuters.

NO VILLAGE SPARED

The thoroughness of Russia's "scorched earth" policy is amply demonstrated by the German war films propaganda company reports, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

"No town, no village, no settlement remains spared. Hundreds of thousands of dwellings have been razed to the ground," he writes.

He adds that a German war correspondent who toured the whole front concluded his report by saying: "The end of the fighting cannot yet be foreseen." — Reuters.

PATROL ACTIVITY

A Cairo G.H.Q. communique states: "Libya—our patrols outside Tobruk and in the frontier area continued their aggressive activities but no important contact with the enemy was made." — British Wireless.

LARGE R.A.F. FORMATION OVER THE CHANNEL

R.A.F. formations flew across the Channel to Northern France yesterday morning and again during the afternoon.

The R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel in the afternoon, flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais, was stated by spectators to be very large. — Reuters.

U.S. TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW

The meeting of the Vichy leaders, who are believed to be discussing the German demands, is tantamount to according Germany the full use of strategic Atlantic bases in the French African coast, and is being closely watched in Washington.

In the event of Vichy agreeing to such German demands, it reported, the United States is likely to break off diplomatic relations with Vichy at once.

The whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in French possessions is the subject of intensive study in the light of the latest developments in Vichy.

President Roosevelt, it is understood, as well as officials in Washington, is giving the subject his close attention.

The problem is also believed to be under active discussion with the British authorities.

THE PRESENT GERMAN DEMANDS ON VICHY ARE BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON TO BE ONLY PART OF A BROAD NAZI PLAN TO GAIN NEW STRATEGIC BASES FOR INTENSIFIED AIR AND SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAINST SHIPPING IN THE ATLANTIC DURING THE WINTER. — REUTER.

CZECH AIRMEN'S FINE FEAT

The Czech crew of a Wellington bomber, by "commendable coolness, and fine airmanship," recently brought home their aircraft safely under great difficulties.

The bomber was returning from an attack when just over the Dutch coast it was fired upon by a German night fighter.

The rear gunner returned the fire but cannon shells burst in the bomb compartment and set the aircraft on fire and the astrodome was also hit.

The captain turned the aircraft back over Holland to enable the crew to bale out if the fire could not be extinguished. Determined efforts were made to do this and after fifteen minutes the fire was out.

It had burnt much of the fabric not only off the top and bottom of one wing but also along the side of the fuselage. Inside the aircraft it had destroyed the chart board, various pieces of equipment and still more fabric.

The wireless set would no longer work, the under-carriage dropped and stayed down and the bomb doors fell half open and remained open for the remainder of the flight.

In spite of this and other damage to the structure the pilot turned once more to sea and brought the bomber home.

All the crew escaped injury except minor burns and scorching while fighting the fire. — British Wireless.

GERMANY REPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German Government yesterday notified the United States that the two Americans unaccounted for from the "Zamzam" are still on board the German raider.

Both men are too badly wounded to be transferred the German Note said. — International News Service.

GERMAN PLANE LANDS IN NILE DELTA

It is now revealed in Cairo that a German plane made a forced landing on Lake Borollos, about 50 miles east of Alexandria, during an attempted raid on the Nile Delta last week.

The four occupants, of whom two were wounded, were taken prisoner. — Reuters.

PROMOTION FOR DARLAN?

M. BONNET, FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS ARRIVED IN VICHY, REPORTS THE GERMAN RADIO. The announcer added "Bonnet always pressed Petain to collaborate with Germany."

A Vichy despatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevalent in Vichy, Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits."

He will also be raised to military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters. — Reuters.

CZECH ARMY IN RUSSIA

The Czech Foreign Minister announced in London yesterday that a Czech military unit was being organised in Russia and would fight under its own officers but within the command of the Soviet Union, says Reuters.

LORD WILLINGDON MUCH THE SAME

Lord Willingdon, who has been ill at his London home with pneumonia for some days, was stated last night to be "very much the same," says Reuters.

VICHY HINT OF INTERNAL CHANGE

THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE which surrounded Marshal Petain's talks with Admiral Darlan and General Weygand on Saturday eased considerably yesterday, says the Vichy news agency.

Talks between the principal Ministers prior to to-day's Cabinet meeting, took place yesterday morning but the utmost discretion is still being observed concerning the subjects discussed.

Agenda of the conversations, it is understood, includes the whole question of internal and foreign policy. Marshal Petain and Darlan attended Vichy races yesterday afternoon.

"Political questions" played an important part in Saturday's discussions, says a Vichy news agency statement.

Double Aspect
For some time, the statement continues, "the press in the occupied zone has been developing the idea that a general reshuffling of the Government is necessary."

It is also pointed out that the subjects which formed part of Saturday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect.

Great importance continues to be attached to the part which Joseph Barthelmy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the armistice terms.

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"It is just over two years since I spoke to the American people and my purpose then was to thank countless friends for so much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness that I want to speak to-day.

"We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted the years behind us to the planning of death and destruction.

"As yet saved by the valour of our people, we have not matched our enemies, and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

"Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakeable constancy. In many cities their homes are left in ruins, as are many of these ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

A Great Cause

"Women and children have been killed, and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution.

"Wherever I go I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard it is straight and we know that we fight in a great cause.

"It is not our way, in dark days to turn for support to others, but even had we been minded so to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

"The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry and comfort for those sorely afflicted.

Courage & Endurance

"Canteens, ambulances and medical supplies have come in unceasing flow from the United States.

"I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms, though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere, beyond expression.

"Unless you have seen, as I have seen, how your gifts have been put to use, you cannot know, perhaps, the solace, which you have brought to the men and women of Britain who are suffering and toiling in the cause of freedom.

"Here in Britain our women are working in factory and field, turning laths and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance amazing.

Undaunted Courage

"I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with the navy, army and air force,

driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing, and everyone of them working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions.

"Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it. Others are air raid wardens or ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of the night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

"I must give a special word to the nurses, those wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never falter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and never of themselves.

Manifold Services

"And I need not remind you, who set as much store by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our housewives have to face now—days, and how gallantly they keep tackling them.

"I could continue the list almost indefinitely, so manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their daily or nightly tasks, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

"We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving in your committee rooms and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian garrison here.

"Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel I would like to send a special message of thanks to the American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us, in time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been, for 2,000 years, the mark of a good neighbour.

"Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also proud sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Joint Cause

"To you, tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and — to my mind at any rate — your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and how- ever long the struggle, justice

CHURCHILL WHEREABOUTS STILL MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Roosevelt-Churchill mystery is as mysterious as ever, with neither Washington nor London dispelling the idea that the two statesmen have either met or are to meet.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, is now "missing" from Washington, and this has led to hints he has joined Admiral Starke, General Marshall and General Arnold on the presidential yacht with Mr. Churchill.—International News Service.

WANG'S NEWSPAPER IN A MESS

Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office on Saturday the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear yesterday and may not be able to resume publication for the present, says a Shanghai dispatch.

It is learned that three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the papers. The explosions set a large stock of newsprint on fire which soon spread to the whole four-storey building.

The conflagration lasted for over four hours. It was seen even on the south-bank of the Szechow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the area and stopped all traffic.

Total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000.—Central News.

RAID ON KUNMING

Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon yesterday.

Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 100 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses.—Central News.

AUSTRALIAN A.R.P.

It was announced in Canberra yesterday that the Federal Government has decided to grant \$250,000 for A.R.P. in Australia.—Reuter.

and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth.

"I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all."—Reuter.

SLAV FRONT VOWS NAZI DESTRUCTION

REPRESENTATIVES of all the Slav nations — Poles, Czechs, Serbians, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins—spoke at a meeting held in Moscow yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was opened by the well-known Soviet Russian writer, Alexei Tolstoy, who declared the Slav world must unite for the speedy and final destruction of the German Fascists.

They were united as different groups but as equals. The Slav peoples must hamper, spoil, destroy and annihilate the Fascist war machine everywhere.

The Polish General Jenuhajtis, speaking in Polish, declared Poland's resistance and sacrifice thwarted the plans of the enemy.

The Nazi attack on the Soviet marked the beginning of the ruin of the German Fascists. This struggle for the Slavs was one of life or death.

No Doubts

The speaker declared the Sikorski Government had shown a great measure of political wisdom in entering the Russo-Polish Agreement. The Polish people would support General Sikorski's work.

Their duty was to put the Agreement into operation immediately. This was no time for doubts. Now they must defeat Hitler.

Poland was now forming an army by the side of the Red Army.

cadres should soon be filled, but all must fight, even those in the rear, but they must use wisdom for the enemy was cunning and cruel.

"The time of vengeance for a thousand years of murder of Slavs is at hand. Let us also fight for a better world.

"German Fascism is not only the enemy of the Slavs, the French and English, it also personifies the mean world of violence and slavery."—Reuter.

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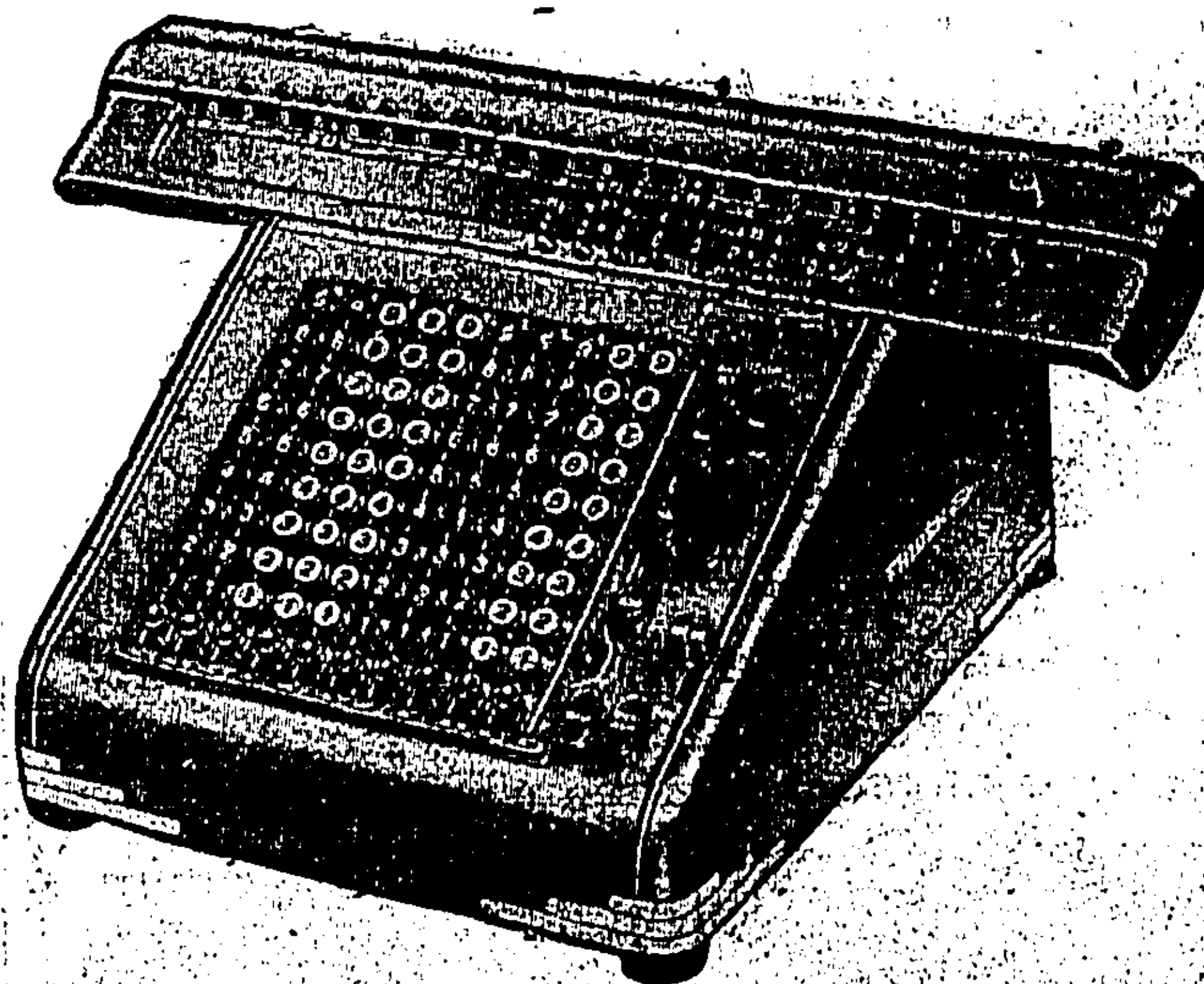
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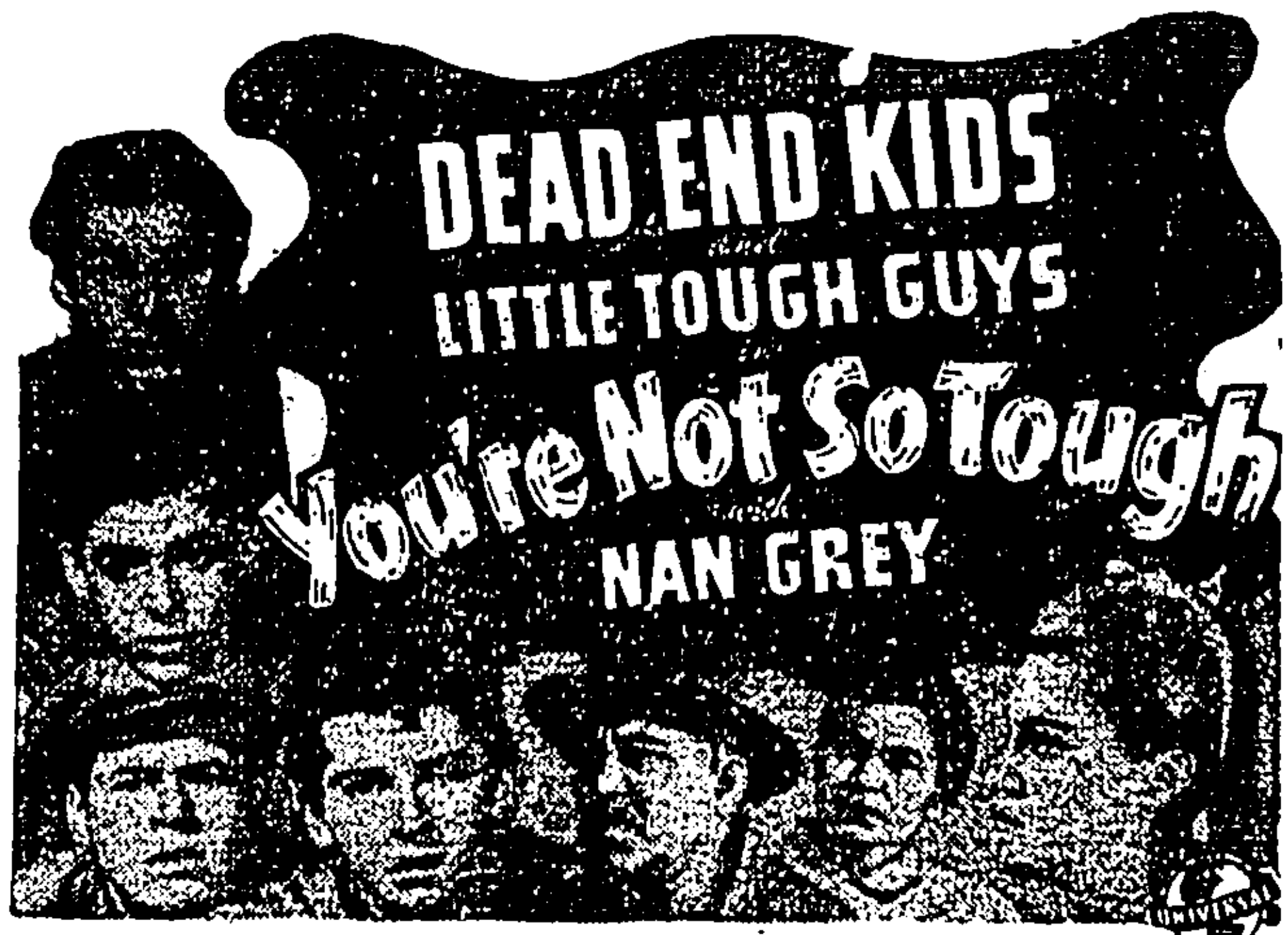
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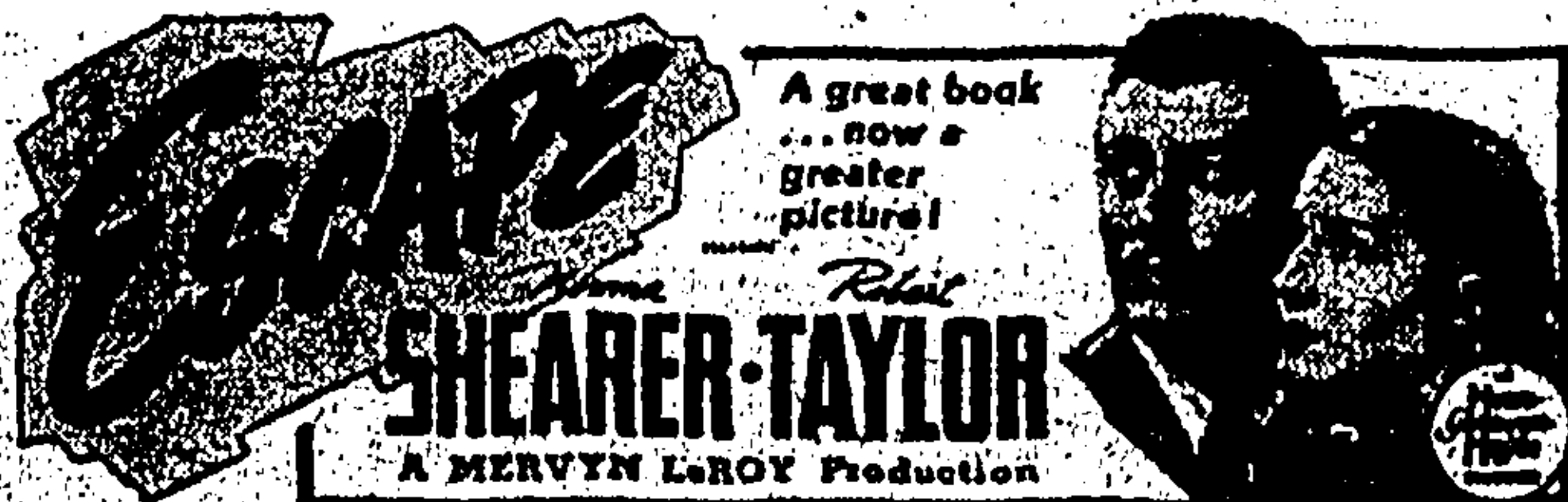
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HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ITALIANS IN NORTH AFRICA

HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily, as well as Libya, figure in the latest R.A.F. Middle East communique, issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says that during Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. There were large fires accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris at Tripoli, where the dock area was raided.

Fires in the neighbourhood of the power house were visible for a considerable distance from the target.

Bardia was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

Blenheims obtained hits on a motor transport yard causing explosions and a number of fires. Fleet Air Arm planes made a series of dive attacks and started a number of fires.

Raid On Greece

Heavy bombers also attacked the port of Benghazi where explosions were seen on railway sidings, and the port of Derna, where fires followed the attack.

In Greece heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis, starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft.

In Sicily our bombers dropped bombs on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quayside was damaged by bombs on and near it.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

FORGED PERMITS

Four Chinese who arrived here from Macao on Saturday have been detained for possession of forged Immigration permits, the "China Mail" learned from Mr. J. H. B. Lee, the Immigration Officer.

Mr. Lee disclosed that a number of forged Immigration permits have been discovered recently among passengers arriving from Macao.

The authorities have been investigating and will probably request the Macao police to cooperate.

Persons discovered with forged permits are questioned and sent back to Macao by the Immigration authorities.

RAIDS ON SHENSI

Hancheng, Sienyang, Sian and Ichwan, Shensi towns, were raided by 42 Japanese planes in five groups yesterday. Incendiary bombs were dropped at Sian.

Nine Japanese planes raided Tai in the morning, dropping more than 20 bombs in the outskirts. Damage was slight. A lone Japanese plane reconnoitred Sian.—Central News.

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H.M.S. DEFENDER SUNK

An Admiralty communique issued in London last evening announced the loss of a British destroyer.

The destroyer was H.M.S. Defender which, says the announcement, was sunk with no loss of life.—Reuter.

HAWKER PROBLEM

A letter from the Government relative to the amendments made by the Urban Council on July 2, 1941 to the by-laws under the Hawkers Ordinance No. 22 of 1935 and with regard to the Hawker problem generally, will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the Urban Council.

THAI AIRMEN FOR JAPAN

Domei reports that four young lieutenants of the Thai Air Force are arriving in Tokyo on August 18 to study Japanese flying technique for three years.—Reuter.

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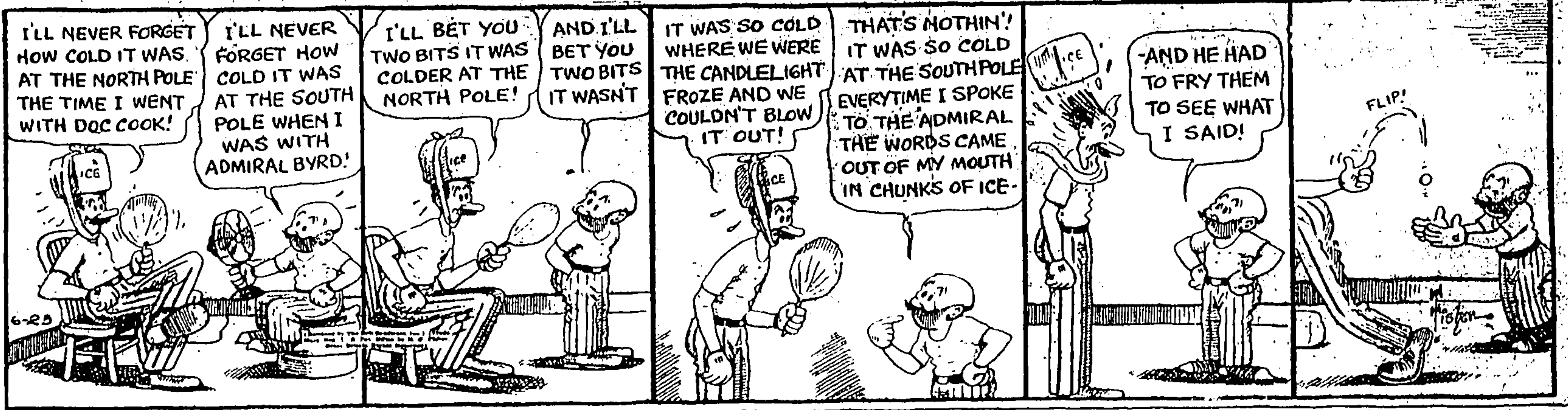
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Schickelgruber Gets A Message From Mr. Reynolds

QUENTIN REYNOLDS, THE AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHOSE RECENT BROADCAST TO GOEBBELS FROM LONDON WAS WIDELY QUOTED ABROAD, LAST NIGHT SPOKE TO HITLER IN THE SAME VEIN.

Mr. Reynolds throughout addressed Hitler as Schickelgruber — the Fuehrer's original family name. After saying it might be wise to change back to the name of Schickelgruber because "none can really be angry at anyone named Schickelgruber and so many are really angry at the name Hitler," Mr. Reynolds made a telling indictment of "Mein Kampf."

He said: "I find one paragraph in it very interesting. It is your estimate of the value of propaganda."

"Your actual words are: By propaganda with clever and permanent application even Heaven can be palmed off on people as Hell, and, the other way round, the most wretched life as para-

dise. I wonder if you believe that now."

"Let us consider the propaganda you send outside Germany. Honestly it doesn't fool anyone these days."

"It fooled Britain and my country for years. It fooled Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Norway. It didn't fool Russia, though, did it?"

"When you made that pact with Russia in 1939 you declared joyously to the Reichstag: 'Russia and Germany fought against one another in the World War. That shall not and will not happen again.'"

"Then, on December 10, 1940, in a broadcast you paid high tribute to the people of Russia and you declared: 'In the terrible struggle the Russian people rose and freed themselves from the clique of power-thirsty magnates of finance, trade, raw materials and industry.'"

"Russians remembered what you had said years before on Page 538 of 'Mein Kampf.' The present rulers of Russia are blood-stained criminals, the dregs of humanity."

"The silent man in the Kremlin said nothing but he remembered and prepared."

Tricks Have Failed

On page 539 you said: "Bolshevism is an infamous crime against humanity."

The silent man in the Kremlin said nothing but ordered more aeroplanes and more tanks.

"No, your propaganda doesn't fool people any more, Mr. Schickelgruber."

"Every trick your little gabby man has tried to work in France has failed."

"You'll recall that on June 15 last, in an effort to popularise the once respected but now despised Admiral Darlan, he ordered every shop in France to display the Admiral's picture. He ordered every newspaper in both occupied and unoccupied France to print a likeness of Darlan on the first page."

"The order was obeyed. But did your agents notice that somehow most of the pictures in shop windows happened to fall face downwards? Did your agents tell you proudly that every paper in France published Darlan's picture on page one?"

"But did they add, Mr. Schickelgruber, that almost half of the papers printed the picture in the fifth column?"

Mr. Reynolds then dealt with the new German propaganda campaign which he said, "starts on Monday in America."

Mistake To Wake The Dead

He said: "You know, Mr. Schickelgruber, Britain has eyes, and ears all over Europe, even in Germany, and here we know all about your new peace offensive. It has died before it is born."

Mr. Reynolds finally told Hitler his greatest mistake was to "awaken the dead" in England.

"When you bombed Plymouth, Francis Drake came out of his legendary past to live once more, in the city from which he so often sailed."

"And when slap-happy Hermann's futile fusiliers bombed and machine-gunned lightships, do you think then that Nelson slept?"

"Once more Nelson was roused and to-day his spirit rides the bridge of every ship that flies the British flag."

"It is dangerous to awaken the dead, Mr. Schickelgruber. Do you think then that Wellington slumbers in his grave or that Allenby sleeps? Old soldiers never die, Mr. Schickelgruber."

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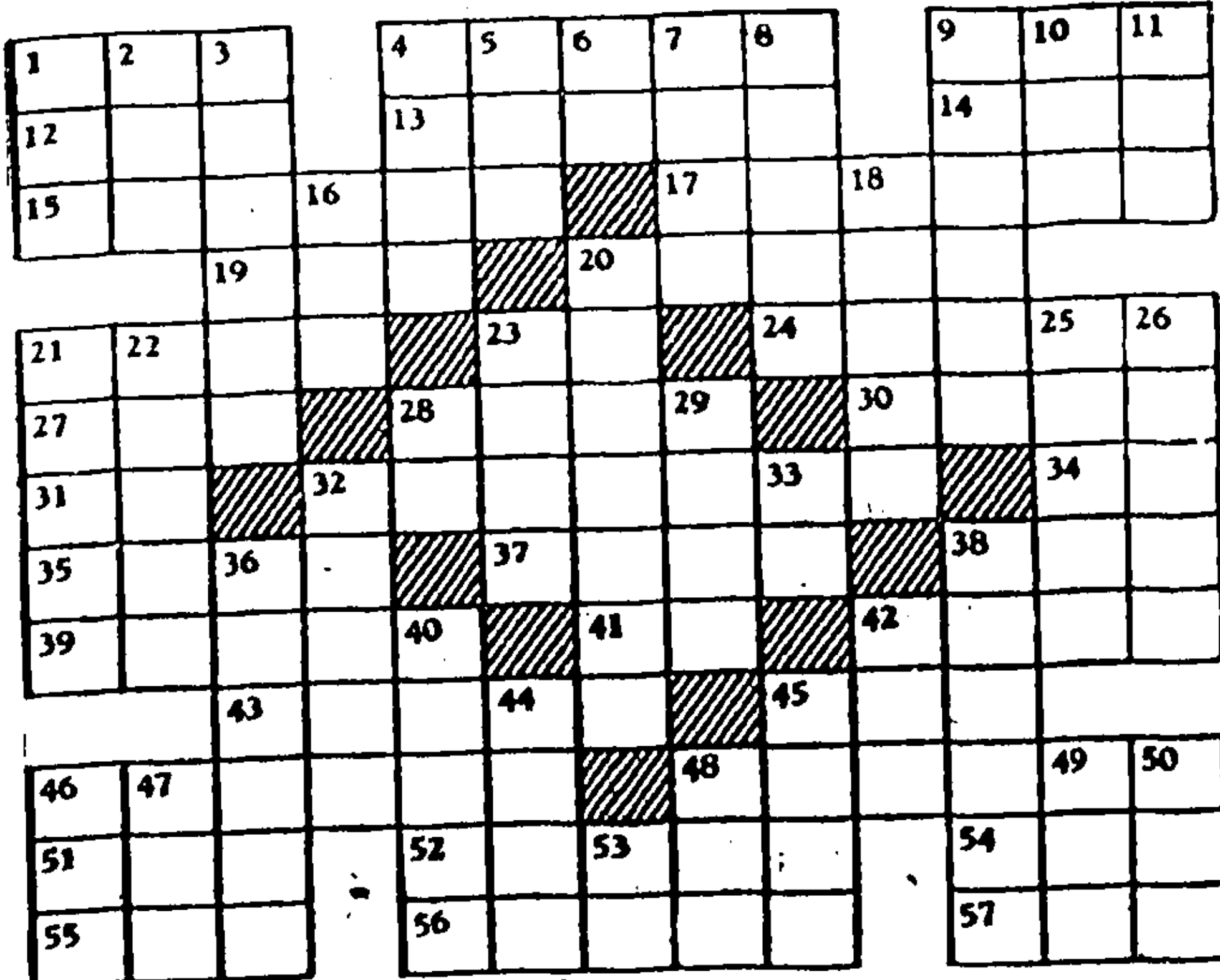
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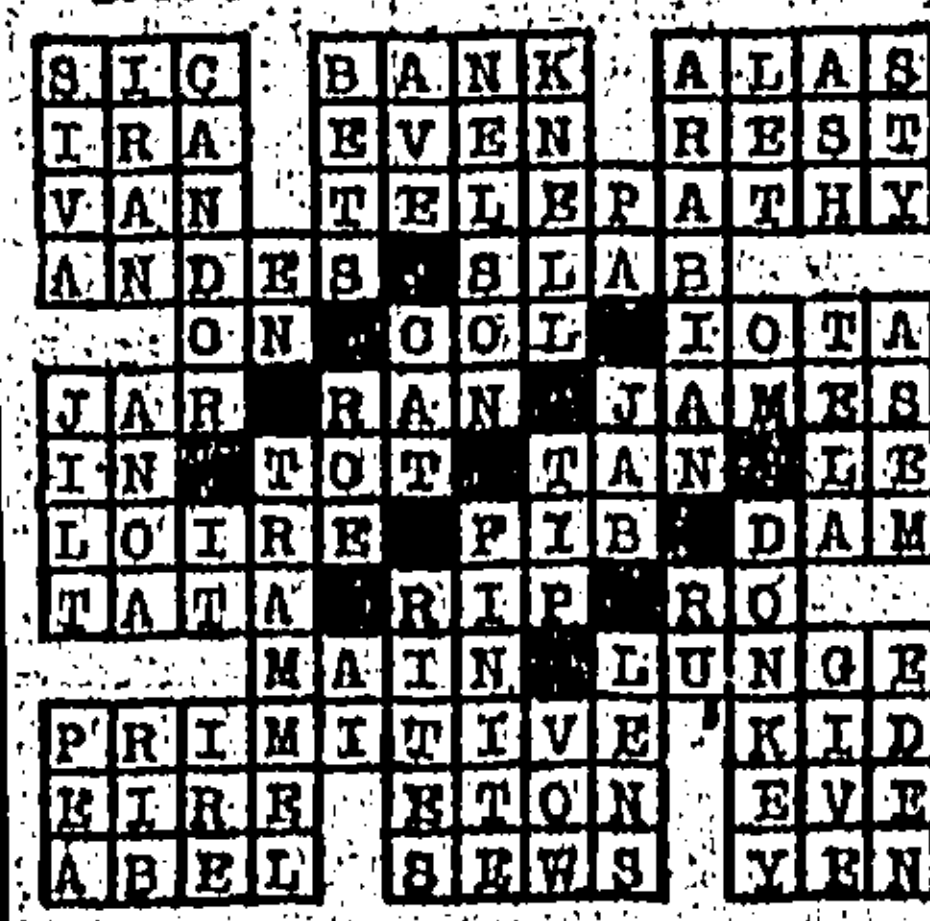
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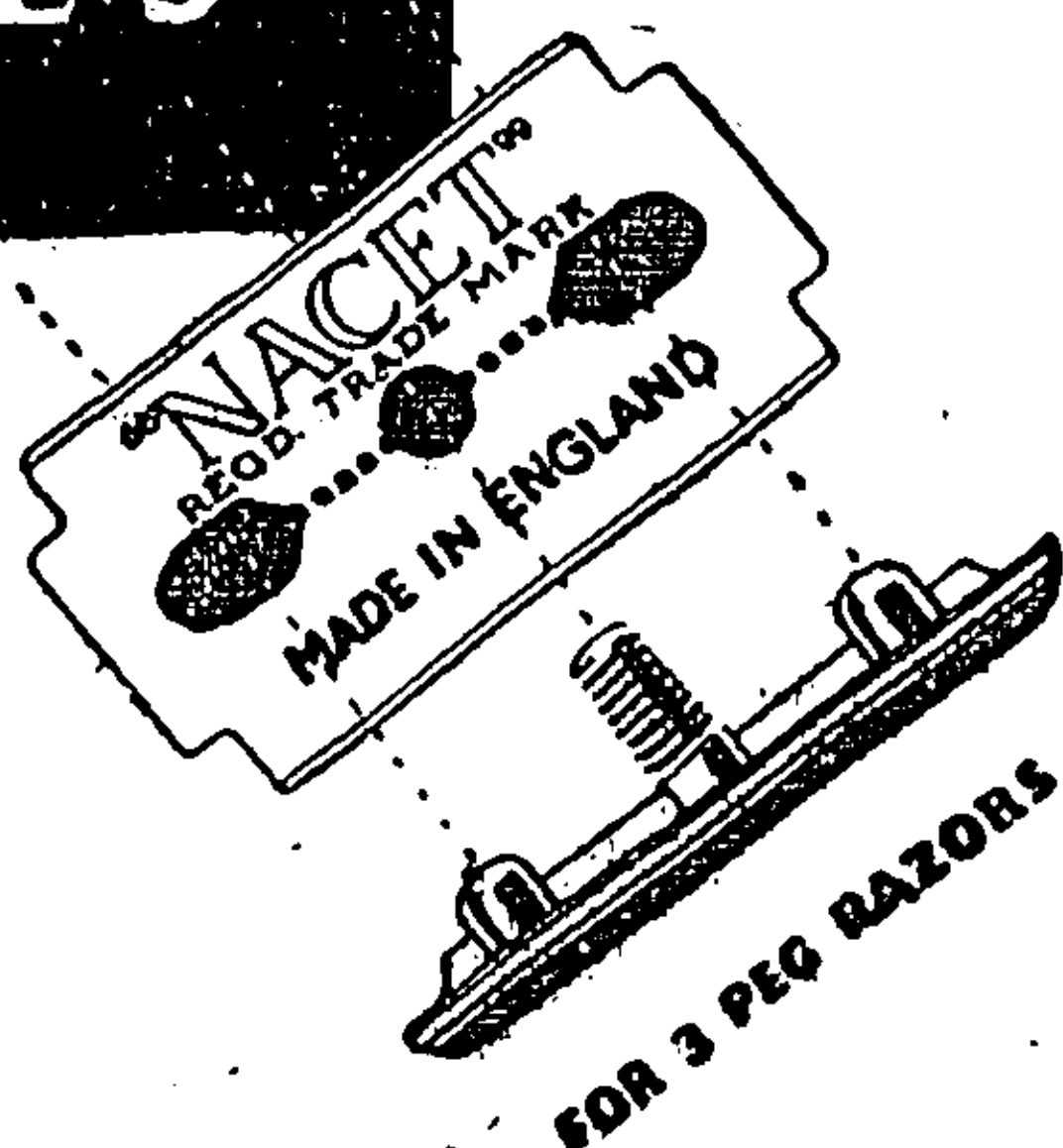
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AN ASIATIC SLANT ON THE RUSSIAN WAR

(By Edwin Howard, Adviser on Indian Affairs to the Far Eastern Bureau British Ministry of Information, and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IN INDIA A FORTNIGHT AGO, I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE QUICKENING OF INDIAN CONCERN IN THE WAR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE OUTBREAK IN IRAQ. ON ALL SIDES I HEARD THE COMMENT: "THE WAR IS INDEED BROUGHT CLOSER TO INDIA."

Since my return, the invasion of Russia by Germany has occurred. That, too, has come as a distinct shock to opinion in India — for remember, that means that a country now fighting on the side of Great Britain and India is actually one of India's neighbours.

If you look at map you will perceive that Russian and Indian boundaries are co-terminous in the lofty Pamir Plateau, the eastern end of the Hindu Kush forming a natural barrier. Just as the war cloud in Iraq stimulated activity in India, so the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Germany brings India into direct territorial contact with the present struggle. Its reactions further east moreover have a vital interest for India.

Of India's war effort it is sufficient to say that, despite the unhappy spectre of internal political controversy, linked with equally unhappy communal tension, India as a whole is unshakably determined to throw her resources of materials and man power fully into the defence of the Empire. Of that, magnificent earnest has been afforded in Africa where Indian troops have covered themselves with glory.

The other day in the "Straits Times," General Heath paid a striking tribute to the achievements of the Indian forces and their British comrades under his command in Abyssinia and Libya. To that story there is little to add, seeing the authority which it bore. The news columns of the press as well as the radio bulletins have been eloquent of late on this subject.

Sheer, Cold Courage

As you know, the Indian Army which is now fighting in Africa, Iraq and Syria and now prepared in India and Malaya to resist aggression, differs in one respect from the Indian Army of the last war. Since that war a new type of officer has entered the Indian Army. In recognition of the gallantry of Indian forces on so many fronts, in 1914-18 the King Emperor approved the grant of his commissions to Indians who at first were trained at Sandhurst and since 1932 have been trained at the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun.

The other day it was announced that one of these new products — a former Dehra Dun cadet, younger brother of an Indian King's Commissioned Officer, now serving in Malaya, had won the first Indian V.C. of this war by a deed of bravery which, as his Commanding Officer said, for sheer cold courage could not be beaten. That and other awards have afforded sterling proof that the reputation of India's fighting men for professional skill and indomitable valour, is being well maintained by the Indian Army of to-day.

Particularly noticeable in the cold official accounts of these exploits is the remarkable initiative displayed by Indian officers and men of all ranks.

Pride Of India

Time and again, it is shown that the Subadar, Jamadar, the Nalk and even the doughty Sepoy have taken critical decisions on their own account and carried out those decisions with success and confident courage.

An army which can record such achievements is an army of which India can be justly proud. This pride should be the greater because with the mechanisation of units in modern warfare the basis of recruitment has been broadened, — and remember recruitment of the Indian Army is voluntary and always has been — thus bringing the people of India into even closer association

with the men who undertake the defence of their country.

It is passing let me give you a glimpse of my own recent experience as I journeyed through India this month in the height of the hot weather. Two and a half days' railway journey from Calcutta to Simla gives you a very good idea of social relationships, for there is none of the stiffness and awkwardness of the atmosphere in an English railway carriage. At once passengers get down to tackling in concert the aeries of high temperatures, the ordeal of constant intrusions of dust, and the accumulations of luggage.

Excellent Relations

Whether the class be first, second, intermediate, or third, the comradeship is the same, so when I started from Calcutta by nearly missing the train and spending the first hour with some Englishmen in the wrong carriage, I managed very soon to get into conversation with them. On changing to my proper carriage where my derelict luggage had been deposited, I found myself accompanied by a young Indian Cavalry captain whose uncle was a very famous Indian politician, a rising young Indian official of a Government department, and a wealthy Calcutta businessman, from Rajputana. The readiness with which we managed to discuss the war, internal politics and air-raid possibilities and the lighter side of Indian life afforded me concrete proof of the excellence of the relations now existing between Indians and Englishmen.

Nor was this achieved by reticence. The weaknesses and peculiarities of public and private individuals were discussed quite freely.

The Indian soldier, the symbol of the new dispensation, was as keen on his profession as any young officer of his type would be, and he showed himself also to be extraordinarily well-informed on world affairs.

The official was jealous of the reputation of his department and gave reasons for his conviction that it was rendering useful service. The merchant, besides controlling a great business, was doing public work as the commander of one of Calcutta's civic guards units. Incidentally, the other two twitted him with congratulations on the possibility that his semi-military activities might deprive him of the corporate burden which in India often has to be carried by the man of wealth.

Industrial War Effort

The prowess of the Indian Army and the excellence of its training are not surprising for in one way or another, some part of the Army in India is always on active service. Between the Armistice of 1918 and the outbreak of the present war in September 1939, only two Victoria Crosses were won. They both went to the Indian Army. Ishar Singh of the 28th Punjab in 1921 received the decoration for gallantry in Waziristan. About four or five years ago, a young subaltern named Meynell of the Guides, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery in operations further north on the frontier.

Supporting this Army in the field is the industrial war effort in which India is greatly speeding up her production of all kinds

of munitions and ancillary supplies required by the modern army. She is a member of the Eastern Group Supply Council in which her central position gives her special importance.

The three Dominions of New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, are represented on this Council as well as India. It is presided over by Sir Archibald Carter as representative of the United Kingdom. Although formerly Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, he is no stranger to India. In earlier days he was the Secretary-general to the Indian Round Table Conference in London, and he toured India with the Simon Commission.

The Supply Department directing India's activities in response to the call of the Supply Council gives a great impetus to the development of Indian industries in wartime. In the long run, it will be found to have made a notable contribution to the permanent advancement of India, as one of the big industrial countries of the world.

This brief resume shows that India has solid reasons for standing on her defence. The achievements recorded are worth protection against the onslaught of the Nazi hordes whose gangster leaders seek world dominance, with the object of suppressing all economic and social institutions which do not contribute directly and exclusively to their own insensate rapacity.

Russia has been compelled for the sake of her own independence to take up arms against the invader, and Russia knows full well that one of the motives behind this German aggression is the desire to spread out the tentacles of Nazism into the heart of Asia.

Not A New Story

To India that story is not new. In the last war, German influence was exceedingly strong in the Middle East while the Expeditionary Force from India was operating in what was then known as Mesopotamia. India's South Persian Cordons had to be thrown out to protect that force's right flank and to keep the line of communication clear with India.

Although the Mesopotamia campaign was directly launched against Turkey, it was well known that Germany had had an eye on the establishment of rail communications between Berlin and Baghdad and consequently she took an active interest in the Persian Gulf. The Kaiser's idea in other words was to draw off the traffic from the sea route to India as a useful additional benefit in securing German ascendancy at Istanbul and consequently German mastery over Asia Minor and the Middle East.

Now, I am not going to suggest that in making war on Russia, Herr Hitler has all this in mind. It is likely that he is looking to the more immediate objective of crushing England from the air to which his experience last year showed that the elimination of any threat from Russia is a condition precedent. Still, Hitler rules in Berlin as the Kaiser did and at his disposal are some of the Middle Eastern experts with whom we had to contend in the last war.

Not Negligible Factor

Russia is by a no means negligible factor in the Middle East. Readers of Victorian novels will remember that the young politician in the House of Commons was usually depicted as having made good his claim to be the future Prime Minister by a formidable speech on Russian policy in Persia or even closer to India than that.

To-day, what was Persia, a next door neighbour of India, is Iran, governed by a forceful Shah who rose from the ranks in the Persian Army and eventually replaced the effete regime of which the last representative was the late Sultan Ahmed Shah. Reza Shah Pahlavi, has overhauled the whole of the Iran administration and now there is a railway from the Caspian Sea to the Persian Gulf. (Continued on Page 8)

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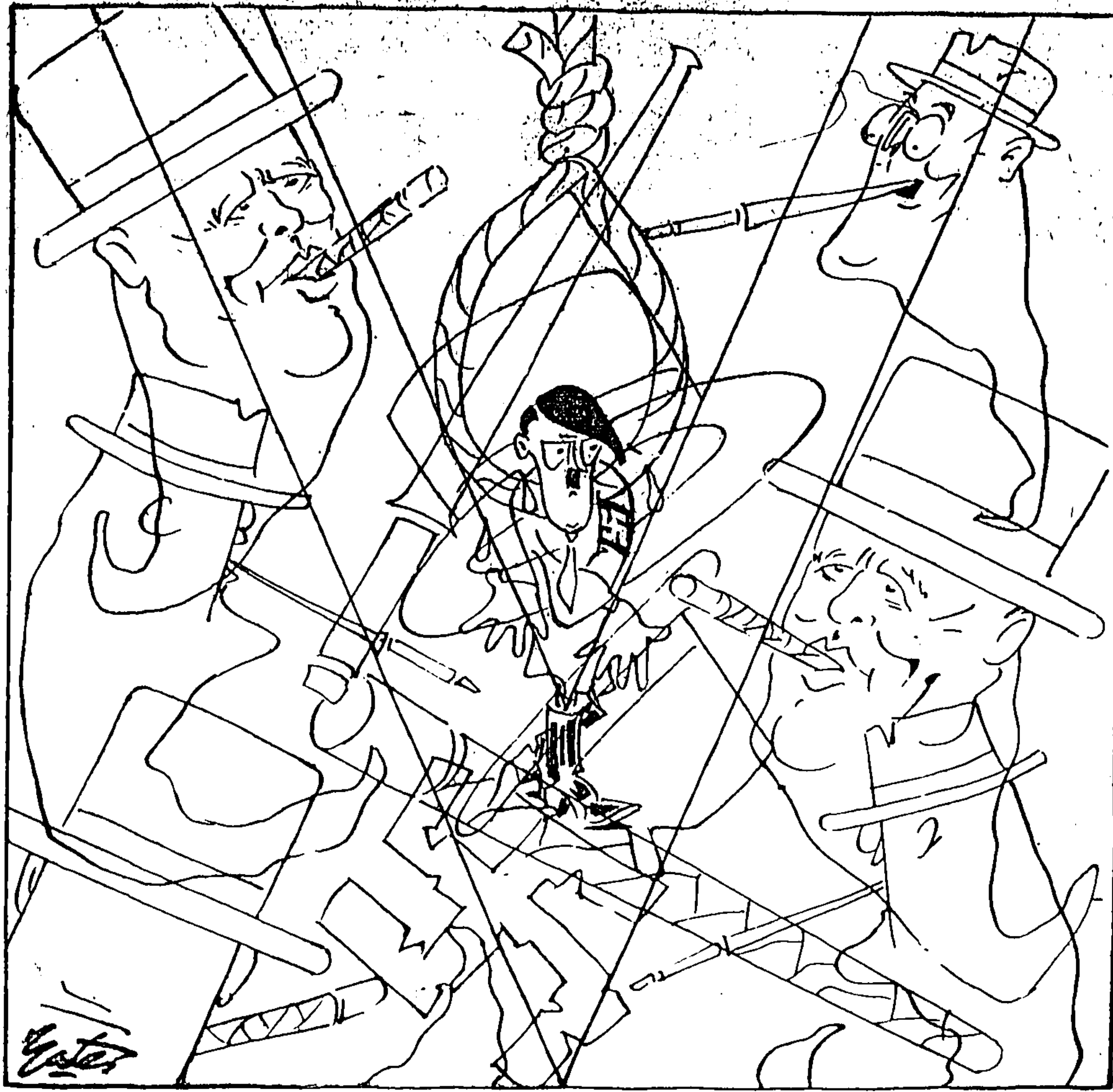
THE SUPREME IMPERTINENCE

Since the Nazis have launched their "crusade" against Russia there has been an increasing tendency on the part of official and semi-official sources in Berlin to identify the Reich with Europe: "Europe will resent" this, that or the other act directed against Germany; "Europe" is fighting Communism, and so on. A Berlin spokesman, referring to the American occupation of Iceland, said: "President Roosevelt is attacking Europe." This cannot be dismissed as mere megalomania—it is all a part of the desperate German attempt to convey to the world at large the impression that Hitler has created a substantial new order and that whatever England may do, or the United States or, presumably, Russia, represents only the "periphery" of the Continent.

It would appear to be inconceivable that, after all that has passed in Europe in the last few years, any one could be taken in by this supreme impertinence. It would seem superfluous to recite again the stark fact about this new order, to point out that Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Rumania were added to the Hitlerian structure by armies of occupation and that Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis pact was confirmed in the same manner; that Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France, Greece and Yugoslavia fought bitterly to avoid incorporation into the Nazi system; that Britain and Russia are now battling to avoid the same stifling fate. What does that leave to Hitler? He has Mussolini, perforce, but what do the Italian people think of their allies? He may have Petain, Laval and Darlan—but who would suggest that he has the French people? He may have the sympathy of Franco—but Spain is not a member of the Axis group, the official organ of the "new Europe". Neither is Portugal, nor Switzerland, nor Sweden, nor Finland, although Finnish troops fight by the side of the Germans. The net remainder is a dubious Hungary and those makeshifts of Hitler policy, Croatia and Slovakia.

Yet some neutrals are prepared to refer to Europe as a unit, as a Nazi unit, which, through the tender and far-seeing ministrations of the Ger-

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THE great world which depends upon the Spanish language would do well to particularise somewhat upon the story and character of Ireland. I remark in my travels that of all the ambiguities, confusions and misunderstandings which arise from the hopeless sub-division of Christendom to-day none are more subtle (and therefore more difficult to understand) than the problems arising from the character and history of Ireland. Of all lingual, racial and religious groups, all provinces into which the babel of our civilisation has fallen, not one is less understood or gives rise to more misinterpretation than the matter of Ireland.

There are many reasons for this. The most important reason by far is the violent contrast in religion and therefore in all the texture in Society between the

Irish National tradition and the English. Another almost equally important factor of confusion in the foreigner's estimate of Ireland and all things Irish is the dispersion of the Irish people. They are the only people of our Western Christian culture which has been scattered at large and driven into exile. We are used to this phenomenon in the case of the Jews and in the small but highly interesting exceptional case of the gypsies. But we forget how characteristic it is of the Irish. The huge religious quarrel of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries in Britain led to the driving of Irish families overseas on such a scale that there has been nothing

did not come till the Nineteenth Century. It was in part the Nationalist Movement under Daniel O'Connell, but much more the great famine and the scattering of the race which left Ireland (without a national language of its own) and made the Irish people as a whole use the English tongue. When two populations of very different characters use the same language you have a situation which breeds infinite misunderstanding in every detail of human life, and that is the lingual situation of the Irish people to-day. Not only in their own country, but throughout the world. They are English speaking, all but a small remnant who still use the ancestral language in the extreme North-west of the island. Every effort has been made to restore the National language to daily use, but custom has proved too strong. It has not yet been established and probably never will be.

By
Hilaire Belloc

like it in the story of any other Christian people and the Irish of to-day are a Diaspora. They are highly particular and individual and yet you cannot ascribe to them a local habitation. Even in the island of their origin they are divided into three sharply contrasted groups. The Ascendancy (what is left of it), the Orangemen and the Mass of the Traditional Nation. Of these three groups the National one is of course by far the greatest, yet it does not amount to two thirds of the population in Ireland itself. The relics of the Ascendancy group, (which means English-speaking Protestants, established as large land owners in the Catholic Mass of Ireland) their dependants and connections are small in number but still inherit the traditions of a ruling class opposed to the full national condition. The Orangemen are also Protestant but of a very different temper, strongly hostile to their compatriots.

A third factor in the problem of Ireland is the strange story of Irish speech. Until well into the beginning of Modern Times, long after the Reformation, the old Celtic tongue was spoken everywhere, save where small Colonies had been planted by force near the ports under the Allegiance of the English Government. There was a moment, not so long ago, when it looked as though the future of Ireland was to be that of a country with quite another language from the English. The great change in this

I for my part should maintain that no foreigner can fully understand the modern English-speaking world until he has mastered the main elements of the Irish problem; and of all foreigners, those of the Iberian peninsula and its great Colonies beyond the oceans are best fitted for understanding the meaning and tradition of Ireland. There is religious communion to help the understanding and there is a still remaining, though rapidly failing, historical memory of the days when the Island of Ireland was conceived as facing the Northern coast of Spain. Under the prevailing South-westerly winds, the natural run of a sailing ship from the Portuguese and North Spanish coasts towards the British Isles made rather for Ireland than for Great Britain. Of all that connection by sea Mrs. Green, the widow of the historian, has written most thoroughly and her work should always be consulted by anyone who desires to understand how the main Irish ports arose, why by the end of the Eighteenth Century the Irish nation's shipping was so very large and how under later conditions of the Nineteenth Century all these Irish advantages decayed. I do not know whether there is any volume of Spanish literature dealing with Irish matters: if there is not a sufficient volume of such books, it is high time they were written, for one may fairly prophesy that the near future of Western Europe will be filled with expansion influence at least and probably in wealth of the Iberian culture and one of the best avenues for introducing that culture to the North is by way of Ireland.

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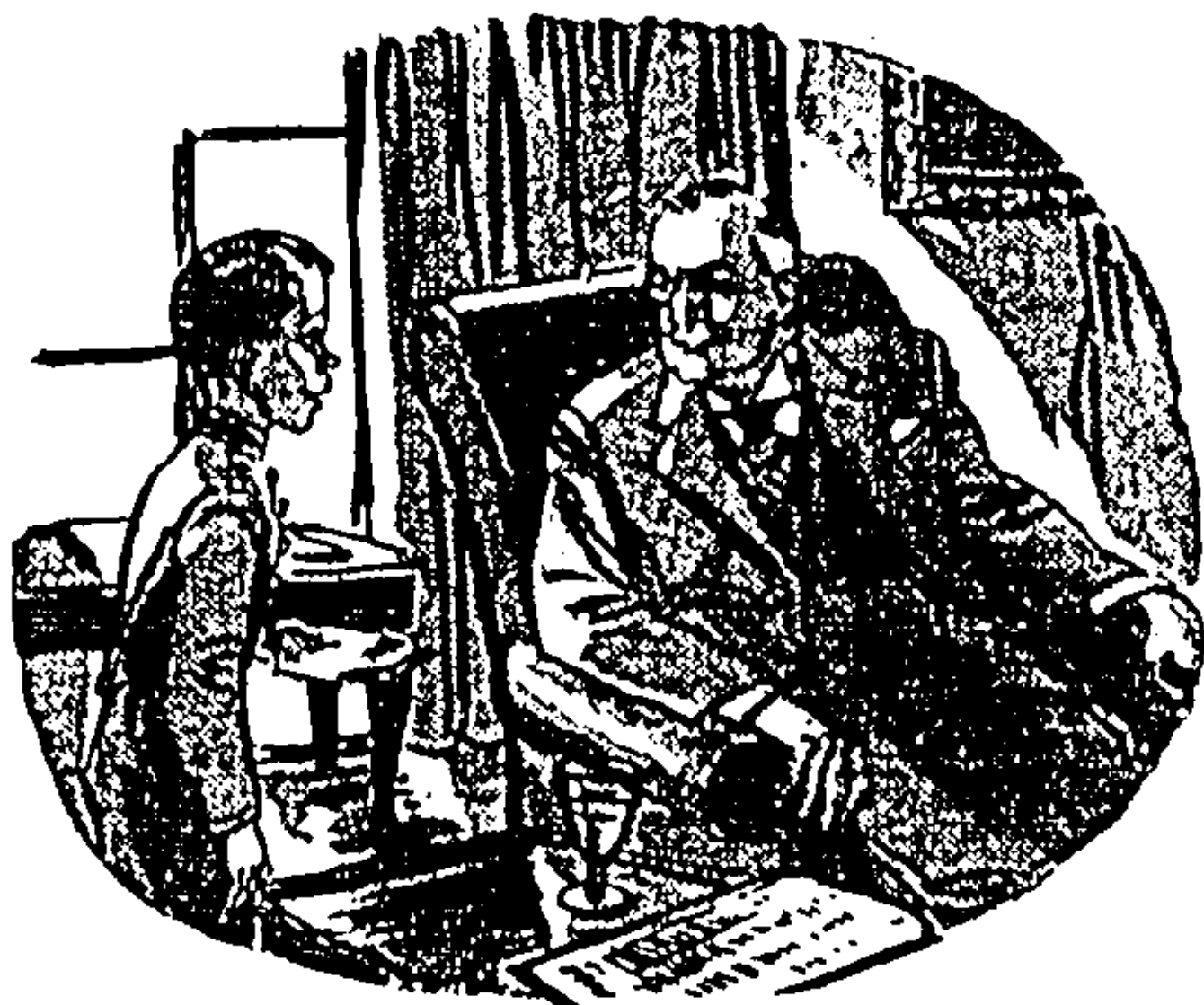
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"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

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Importance Of New War To India

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Gulf, 372 miles long — built in eleven years.

The other neighbour of India on the North-West frontier is Afghanistan, a rugged pastoral country with a population of ten million. Before and during the Great War, Afghanistan was ruled by an Amir. Few Amirs in Afghanistan's history have died a peaceful death. The Amir who was on the throne at Kabul in 1914 was Habibullah. Despite German blandishments he managed to maintain neutrality and friendship with Great Britain, but he had to contend with a strong pro-German party.

Pro-German Assassinations

Just after the war, Habibullah was assassinated by these pro-Germans — the price of his staunch loyalty to his pledged word. His younger son, Amanullah, came to the throne. He took the title of King, and endeavoured to reform the social customs of his people, in defiance of ecclesiastical influence. A water carrier named Bachcha-i-Saqqa raised the standard of revolt and Amanullah had to flee. He and his consort are now in Italy.

The new ruler, reverting to the old style, called himself Amir Habibullah. He was of the bandit type and could not last. Nadir Khan, the former Commander-in-Chief and ablest Afghan of his day, returned to India from Europe, collecting round him a well disciplined force. He ejected the ex-water carrier and hanged him and about 60 of his followers outside the walls of Kabul.

Nadir Khan took the title of Nadir Shah or King Nadir. He proved to be a good administrator. He managed to reform the government without offending religious susceptibilities. He was assisted by an interest free loan from Great Britain. He showed considerable friendliness towards Great Britain and India, especially in cooperating in the control of the independent tribesmen on his side of the border. Unhappily, he was murdered by a student at a prize-giving at the German organised school in Kabul—perhaps a significant spot for such a crime.

Interest In Iraq

That was in 1933. Since then, his young son the present King Zahir has sat on the throne. His government is conducted by his two able uncles who are Prime Minister and War Minister respectively.

Afghanistan's interest in Iraq is considerable, because many of the most important religious leaders in Afghanistan are of Iraqi origin. Some of them belong to the Gellani family to which the now expelled usurper Rashid Ali claims to be a cadet. Rashid Ali, however, abused his position as minister by improper use of religious Endowment Funds. This is counted against him in Iraq and elsewhere.

Communications in Afghanistan are poor. The chief routes to India pass from Kabul to Peshawar and the road from Kandahar to Chaman.

Afghanistan is an adherent of the four-power non-aggression Pact, of 1937. Her co-signatories to that document are: Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

Comprising the greater part of the Arabian peninsula—Saudi Arabia in treaty relationship with Iraq, Egypt and Trans-Jordan—under Ibn Saud, is an Arab Kingdom now including the Hedjaz as well as Ibn Saud's original sultanate of Nejd. King Ibn Saud is the most forceful personality in the Arab world. Friendly to Great Britain, he refused to give his countenance to the rebellion in Iraq.

Importance Of India

This background of the countries lying between Syria and the North-West Frontier of India south of Soviet Russian territory, shows how important to India is this new turn of the war with Germany. If, by any chance, the Germans could penetrate to the Middle East—our action in Iraq and Syria has been a timely stroke to offset such an event—vigilance of India would have to be redoubled.

Iran has formally declared her neutrality with specific relevance to this new phase of the struggle. The declaration is significant, for Russian and

Iranian relationships have a long history. As a hostile neighbour, Iran would be a distinct embarrassment not only for Soviet Russia, but also for India.

Afghanistan's friendship is an important asset to India. Many Afghans — among them the most virile and warlike — are Pathans, allied in blood and religion to the clansman in the independent tribal territory which lies between India's administrative border and the demarcated frontier between India and Afghanistan, known as the Durand Line.

Southern Bastion

In that tribal territory are 500,000 fighting men, over half of whom are armed with modern rifles. They are under the lightly exercised suzerainty of the Government of India. They owe allegiance to no common chief, split up as they are into clans, linked by a common religion and kinship. Fighting is their secondary occupation. They are very susceptible to the influence of storms without and within India. Enemy propaganda has been active on India's Frontier. You probably have seen that it has given a new lease of life to the firebrand Faqir of Ipi, the fanatical will-o-the-wisp of the Frontier to-day. But watch and ward in those turbulent hills is being firmly kept by the Army in India. Baluchistan has increased its defences. The Afghan Government's correct attitude is appreciated. In Kabul the British Minister is Sir William Fraser Tytler. He is no stranger to Afghanistan. An experienced officer of the Indian Political Department he has served on the frontier for eight years as a soldier.

So you see this new phase of the war brings into even more vivid relief than ever the astonishingly extensive part which India is playing in the defence of Empire communications and of her vast domains. You might almost say that, supported by British sea power and the R.A.F., India's army now mans the southern bastion of defence against enemy attacks on Asia. From Libya, Abyssinia, Eritrea, Somaliland, to Syria, Iraq, and then, with a leap, from the outer marches of Baluchistan to Burma and Malaya, Indian soldiers are on guard, quelling themselves right well as the stirring records clearly show. They demonstrate the value of Indian cooperation to the Empire, and the strength and prestige which India derives as a notable partner in the Empire's fight for civilisation.

YOUNG JEW'S AIRCRAFT INVENTION

A twenty-four-year-old Palestinian Jew, serving with the R.A.F. in the Western Desert, has perfected an important invention for the improvement of aviation, according to a Jerusalem newspaper.

He has been ordered to London immediately to submit the invention to the Air Ministry, it is added.

TRIBESMEN IMPRESSED

Russia's tenacious resistance to the Nazi invaders has made a deep impression among the tribesmen along the North-West Frontier, it is learned in Peshawar.

The tribesmen, although frankly unfriendly towards Bolshevik principles, fully recognise the significance of the Russo-German war.

It is generally held that Muslim countries are next on Hitler's list after Russia. The excuse made by the German propagandists that Germany did not intervene in Iraq out of regard for Muslim lives and property is contradicted by the raids on Damascus and other Holy Places, and now the almost daily raids on the civil population in the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

"CRACK" DIVISION ANNIHILATED

A RUSSIAN communique early yesterday afternoon in no way substantiates recent German claims of important advance particularly in the Ukrainian sector.

A section of the communique underlines the importance of the guerilla warfare which the Russians are conducting behind the battle front from Finland to the Black Sea.

"A guerilla group," it is stated, "formed by workers from a Lwow factory have killed more than 200 Germans during the past few days. They have also destroyed eight tanks, 25 motorcars and 12 light tanks."

The communique further announces the destruction of one of Germany's crack regiments. It states:

"In the Finnish sector our troops destroyed the 307th German Infantry Regiment, which is considered by the German military authorities to be one of their best infantry units."

"This regiment had only recently been brought up to the front. Their first attack after four hours of artillery preparation was smashed by Russian artillery and machine-guns."

"A second attack supported by two Finnish battalions was also repulsed, our units then counter-attacked and surrounded the German regiment."

"Several officers who attempted to swim a lake were drowned."

Many soldiers who deserted to the Red Army appealed to their comrades of the 163rd German Division to surrender."

The magnitude of the recent operations can be gauged from a Moscow agency message stating 1105 awards for bravery have been made. Decorations include three for women while three men have been awarded the title "Hero of the Soviet Union."

First of the latter is Captain Batlov, who led a battalion which had been encircled through impassable swamps, and repeatedly attacked the enemy from the rear.

Second is Lieutenant Kamershchikov, who single-handed brought down four enemy planes and four more in cooperation with his comrades.

The third is Junior Lieutenant Ridny, who destroyed five enemy planes single-handed, and four more with the help of comrades. His plane was pierced by twenty bullets but is still in service.—British Wireless.

AN AMERICAN SAYS: —

NAZIS DREAD BOMBINGS BY BRITAIN

ON MARCH 12, THE NIGHT THE BRITISH BOMBED BERLIN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SPRING, I WAS IN THE DEUTSCHER AUSLAND CLUB, WHICH MEANS GERMAN FOREIGN CLUB AND IS THE PLACE WHERE DR. GOEBBELS' PROPAGANDA MINISTRY LETS THE FOREIGN PRESS BUY ITS DRINKS AND ABSORB THE HEAT FOR THE NOMINAL DUES OF 20 MARKS A MONTH, WRITES CARL B. WALL, IN "P.M."

The club is in a four or five-storey building in the Leipziger Platz in the heart of Berlin. To get there from the Hotel Adlon, you take the subway which runs under the Hermann Goering Strasse and get off at Potsdamer Platz which is only one station away.

As you come out of the brightly lighted subway into the blackout you have to stand still for a few seconds until your eyes get accustomed to the blackness. For even after dark, trolley and bus traffic is quite heavy in Potsdamer Platz and their dim, bluish lights have a way of bearing down on you suddenly like speed boats coming out of the fog.

The Foreign Club

I have never seen the outside of the Foreign Club except in the blackout, so I can't tell whether it is brick or stone or new or very old. In the darkness, it seems to be part of one great building which stretches for about 100 yards around the semi-circle of the Leipziger Platz.

On the night of the bombing I had had a late dinner and had gone up to the bar for a drink about 10.45. There was some kind of a party going on that night. I never did find out, but I think it was being given by one of the big shots of the Propaganda Ministry. There were two soldiers in the room. One of them was a lieutenant in a panzer division. The other was a private, who was playing an accordion.

Nothing To Be Proud Of

After a while I got talking to the lieutenant, who told me he had been in the Holland campaign the spring before. He didn't seem particularly proud of it, and he didn't talk a great deal about it.

"I remember the way the poppies looked in Holland," he said. "We went rolling along the roads in the early morning, and it didn't seem to me that there could be any war at all. It was just like riding through miles and miles of poppy gardens."

The lieutenant had brought some phonograph records to the party with him. One of them was "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line." He had Charlie play it over and over again on the machine bark of the bar. He thought it was very funny. So did Charlie.

I think they must have played that record at least 15 times when Jack Fleischer of the United Press came in.

"There's an air-raid alarm outside," he said to me. "Don't say anything to the bartender or he won't give us another drink."

Fleischer had been through the air raids of last fall and winter but I hadn't. This was my first. I had a curious, tight feeling in my stomach and my heart began to pound harder. I looked at the clock behind the bar. It was 11.35. The phonograph was still grinding out "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line."

Like everyone else in Berlin, I had been waiting for the British to come. It was now March 12 and they hadn't bombed Berlin since the night of Dec. 19. Everyone was expecting hell: Revenge for London. The new American bombers.

"Smell The Fear"

For the last week, during the first, clear nights of the new moon you could smell the fear. Long before midnight the streets were empty. There were only a few stragglers in the subways.

You could hear passing phrases as people hurried past you in the blackout. The British . . . They're coming tonight . . . of to-morrow . . . the wind it is clear. You kept hearing things like that in the streets, in restaurants, in the . . . and you knew that the people of Berlin were in mortal fear of "der bomber."

I had been waiting, too. I was curious to find out whether I could take it. The first thing I did when Fleischer said there was an alarm was to go to the men's washroom and throw cold water on my face. I don't know why I did that.

When I got back to the bar the man in the cloakroom was there. He was telling everyone that there was an air raid on. He said the sirens in the streets had been going for the last 15 or 20 minutes. He had just finished speaking when we heard the first of the guns. They sounded dull and a long way off.

"There is an air-raid shelter in the basement," said the man from the cloakroom. "Everyone had better go down there." "It's no good. We might just as well stay up here. If we're going to get hit we might just as well get hit on the top floor as on the bottom."

Listening To The Report

Freda, the waitress, began bringing out large candelabras and putting them on the tables. This was in case the power plant was hit and the light went out. The phonograph had stopped and the room was quiet now. We were all listening to the guns. They sounded like thunder, moving closer and closer. The sound came in waves with perhaps 30-second intervals of silence, and someone told me that the bombers were passing over the outer ring of anti-aircraft defence to the west.

Someone else said they were probably headed right for us. He pointed out that we were in a great place to get it and that we were centrally situated for a good blitz. Two railway stations, the Potsdamer Bahnhof and the Anhalter Bahnhof were only a few blocks away. And we were practically next door to Hitler's Reich Palace, Ribbentrop's Chancellery and Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. He wasn't just talking, either.

The firing became more intense. As it did, I had a curious surge of happiness—that's the only word I can think of. I was happy because I had been afraid so long that I would be afraid, and now I wasn't. I mention this only because I think it is probably the normal reaction of the average person to air raids.

Full Moon

I was curious now. I wanted to see what was going on. With some of the others I left the bar and went into a darkened room on the same floor. There was a large window there which looked out over the city toward the west and Brandenburger Tor.

The light of the full moon seemed to pale even the powerful searchlights which criss-crossed the skies. I saw the lights pick up the British planes several times that night. I had always thought the bombers were paint-

BRUM. RESISTS ATTACK

Big-scale civil defence exercises, in which the Home Guard, military and civil defence services cooperated, were carried out over a wide area of Birmingham and the Black Country during the week-end.

The attacking forces were regular troops while Birmingham was defended by its Home Guards and a force of relie, troops composed of British, Free French, Dutch and Czechoslovak regulars.

It was assumed the enemy force of two divisions and two panzer regiments were attacking Birmingham from the south-west and to help the invasion paratroops were dropped on the south and north sides of the city in the early hours yesterday.

The Home Guard severely harassed the enemy and when relief troops came to the assistance a good deal of ground which had been lost was retaken.

Parachute troops proved very effective in holding up reinforcements long enough to allow the main column of invaders to advance to the city centre.

One of the city's main railway stations was taken by the invaders and held until the arrival of relieving forces.

At the close of the exercise General Sir R. G. Finlay, G. O. C. Western Command, who was in charge of the exercise, expressed satisfaction. "The exercise," he said, "has taught us particularly the value of liaison between military and civil services."—British Wireless.

ed black or gray as protection against the searching lights, but that night their silver bodies seemed to glint like fireflies high above the earth. I saw as many as six of them caught in the lights at a time. The white puffs of the anti-aircraft burst within what seemed inches of their tails. It seemed incredible that they could keep going but they did. That night, I didn't see a single plane hit. In fact, during the three raids I watched over Berlin, I never did see a British plane fall, although the next day the Germans always said they had hit at least seven or eight.

None Shot Down

I talked to other American correspondents about that. They said that last fall when the English were bombing Berlin steadily for 40 nights—night after night—they had seen as many as eight or ten planes brought down during a single raid. But not one of them saw a British bomber hit in the raids this spring.

A German acquaintance of mine, who has a friend on one of the anti-aircraft crews, said the fire has been consistently slow—always behind the attacking planes. The only explanation for that, he said, was that the British must be using faster bombers than they were last fall and that it's the difference between firing at pheasants and wild ducks.

The raid that night lasted for six hours, until 5.30 in the morning. While I watched, I saw several fires flare up against the sky to the west. Later, I tried to poke around the city and see what damage had been done. But it was impossible to get near the bombed area. Street cars and taxis were rerouted. Police barred the way. I do believe, however, that heavy damage was done that night to factories and railways yards to the west of the city. The bombing was concentrated in that area. They kept it up for hour after hour and they started a lot of fires. I saw that with my own eyes.

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No straightforward line of play would have allowed South to make his contract, but he found a way to make it by means of a swindle:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A J 7 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

WEST

♠ 6
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ A 8 7 3
♣ J 10 9

EAST

♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ K 6 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 9 5 4
♥ 3
♦ Q J 10
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West thought for a while and couldn't think of a better lead than the Jack of clubs. Then the dummy went down and South thought briefly. Since it was South's custom to study the dummy before playing to the first trick—even when the first play was obvious—he could safely think up a trick play without giving himself away.

Obviously, some bit of hocus-pocus was necessary for the success of the contract. A heart, two diamonds, and a club were sure losers. Of course, if the opponents would obligingly refrain from taking their heart trick while South tried to set up dummy's fourth low club, there might be a chance for the hand. And then South saw the light!

He played a low club from the dummy, East played the King, and South played his low club! East naturally thought his partner had the Ace of clubs; and, not having any good reason to shift to another suit, East returned another club. That was just what South had hoped for.

He won with the club Ace, drew two rounds of trumps, and cashed the club Queen, noting with elation that every adverse club had been drawn. Then he entered dummy with a trump to discard his losing heart on dummy's eighth of clubs.

Note that this line of play amounted to the same thing as winning the club Ace and Queen and giving up the third trick in the suit. The difference was that losing the first trick concealed the true state of affairs from the defenders.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 8 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenker	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner would raise hearts if he held reasonable support for the suit, so there is little point in rebidding your suit. Your partner's bid is a strong one, and you must encourage his game hopes by making a bid which shows your own strength.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 80% for three hearts, 20% for pass.

Question No. 791

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenker	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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MAYOR DIES IN RAID

The Mayor of Westminster, Councillor L. Eton Smith, a deputy chief warden, was killed in a night raid on London.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters, in Variety.

Comedienne—Huntin' (Ellis and E. D. Waters).

Gert And Daisy And The Tandem (E. and D. Waters).

Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.

Orchestra—From Monday On (Crosby—Barrie).

She's Funny That Way (Moret—Whitling).

Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Vocal—Ever So Quiet (More).

At The Battle of Waterloo (Lo Clerq).

Bobbie Comber with Orchestra.

Grand Piano—Turn Back The Clock.

Ah! The Moon Is Here! (From film "Footlight Parade").

Paul Whiteman presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano.

Comedienne—"Gert and Daisy"—Won't We 'ave A Party.

When It's Over (E. and D. Waters).

Elsie and Doris Waters with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Magyarli Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra and Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).

Hungarian Quick Czardas Dances—Potpourri.

Magyarli Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms (Moore).

Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Calcott).

Lawrence Tibbett with Orch.

You Were Unfaithful To Me; You Left Me, Don't Come Back.

Fat Goes The Crane; Down It Pours In The Puszt.

Magyarli Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Wanting You (From film "The New Moon"—Romberg).

Lawrence Tibbett with Piano.

You Gave Me The First Kiss; In The Cafe With Glistening Mirrors.

Out In The Puszt I Plough And Sow; It's A Great Pitty (Bodrog).

Magyarli Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

Vol Vistu Gally Star (I Found My Lucky Star—Callard).

Stop! It's Wonderful (Reichner-Boland)—Fox-Trots.

Dipsy Doodle—Swing Fox-Trot (Clinton).

I Wouldn't Take A Million—Fox-Trot (From film "Young People"—Mack Gordon—Harry Warren).

Looking For Yesterday—Fox-Trot (Delange—Van Heussen).

Two Dreams Met—Fox-Trot (From film "Down Argentine Way"—(Gordon—Warren).

We Three (My Echo, My Shadow and Me)—Fox-Trot (Robertson).

It's Always You.

Birds Of A Feather—Fox-Trots (Both from film "Road To Zanzibar"—J. Burke—Jimmy Van Heussen).

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Peg O' My Heart.

Night Song.

Bunny Berigan and His Orch.

Tango—They Met In Rio.

Rumba—Chica Chica Boom Chic (Both from film "That Night In Rio").

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Quick-Step—Mambo.

Fox-Trot—All The Things You Are.

Joe Loss and His Orch.

Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again.

Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trot—My Greatest Mistake.

One Step—Let The Bands Play.

Harry Roy and His Band.

7.17 p.m.—Hawaiian Guitar Solos.

An Old Hawaiian Guitar.

Swanee Moon (Leon, Towers and Pelosi).

Len Ellis with Piano.

Dipsomania.

Mood Ruby (Lan Fills).

Len Fills.

7.30 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Humorous—Sandy The Detective—Comedy Sketch (Powell—Thomson).

Sandy Powell and Company.

Duet—Tricky Little Tune (Alec McGill).

Major and Minor (McGill and F. Yule) w. orch.

Comedian—Brewster's Millions (Noble and Furber).

Jack Buchanan and Gerald and His Orch.

Comedienne—Bluebeard—A Bed-Time Story (Wynne).

Wish Wynne.

Vocal—Little Drummer Boy (Nool and Pelosi).

So Many Memories (Woods).

Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Y. K. Sze (Bass) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Air from "Il Barbiere": La Calunio (Rossini).

(b) Air from "Simon Boccanegra": Il Lacerato Spirito (Vardi).

2. (a) Pans Angelicus (Cesar Franck).

(b) Don Juan's Serenade (Tchaikovsky).

(c) Erl King (Schubert).

8.52 p.m.—Violin Solo by Joseph Szegel.

Rondo (Schubert, Op. 53—arr. Friedberg).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

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Song Of The Waterfall.

Scent Of The Jasmine (J. H. Squire).

The Wedding Of The Rose (Jessel, arr. Willoughby).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Mendelssohn Programme.

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One o'clock: One bowl of clear vegetable soup (no meat stock). One slice tomato with skin, one whole freshly carrot with skin. Two whole oranges; one glass of water.

Three o'clock: One large glass of tomato juice (no seasoning). Two whole oranges; one apple with skin; one glass of water.

Six o'clock: One cup of clear vegetable soup; one whole grape-fruit on one half head of lettuce with mineral-oil dressing made with lemon juice; six stalks of celery (eat leaves too); one tomato; one orange; glass of water.

Bedtime: One whole orange, one



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cup of hot water with juice of one-half lemon.

One is cautioned to eat everything the diet contains every day for one week. No other snacks or drinks are allowed! When the

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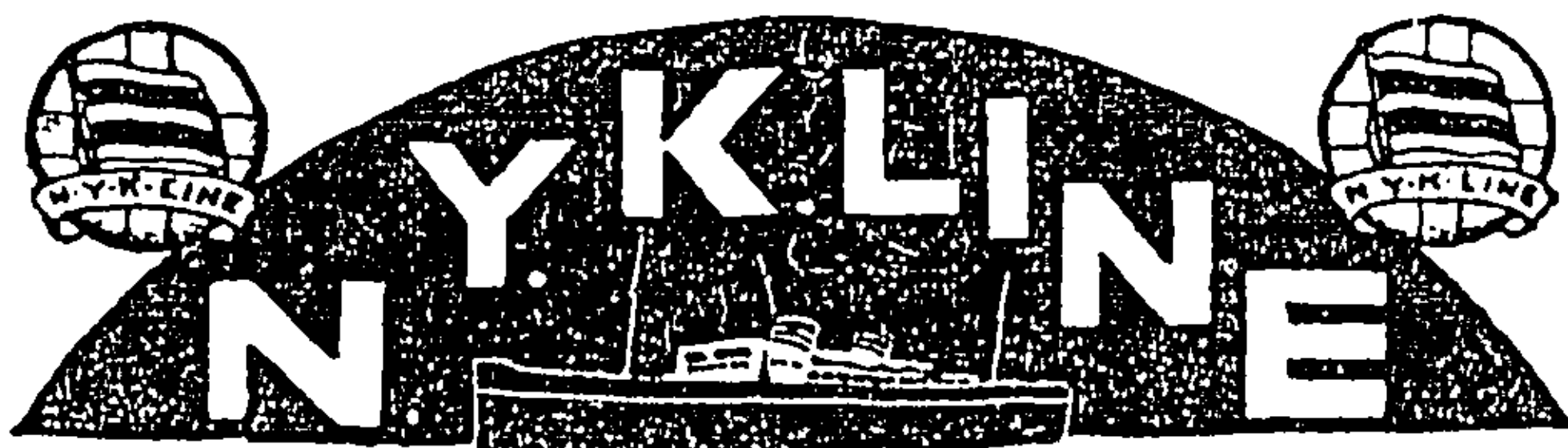
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OBVIOUS JAPANESE GAME

An obvious Japanese manoeuvre lies behind the recent Thai credit to Japan amounting to 10,000,000 baht or £900,000, according to British financial circles in London.

Tokyo, in concluding the agreement with Thailand, these circles observe, had three aims; first, to wrench Thai currency away from Sterling and absorb it in the Yen Bloc; second, to utilise the credit to get round the British and American economic embargo and the freezing of Japanese assets, and third, to use Thai economic submission as a lever towards completion of political subjugation.

The whole arrangement has been thinly disguised. Technically, in order to finance Thai exports to Japan, a credit was given by a Thai private banking firm to a Japanese private banking firm, namely, the Thai Commercial Bank to the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Actually, it is well-known that the former is a Government controlled bank which finances Thailand's most important domestic and foreign trade, while the latter is the financial agent of the Japanese Government for foreign transactions.

Sterling Peg

The reason Tokyo urgently needs Thai credit is that she insists on continued purchases of rice, tin and rubber from Thailand. Thai currency has been on a gold basis and pegged to Sterling for nine years. Consequently, all Thailand's foreign trade has been effected in Sterling. The recent freezing of Japanese Sterling assets paralysed the finance mechanism of Thai-Japanese trade. Hence a new apparatus had to be devised to enable Japan to continue her trade with Thailand.

Under existing circumstances, it is considered unlikely that Japan will be able to pay in gold or exports to Thailand as a liability against Thailand's currency reserves.—Central News.

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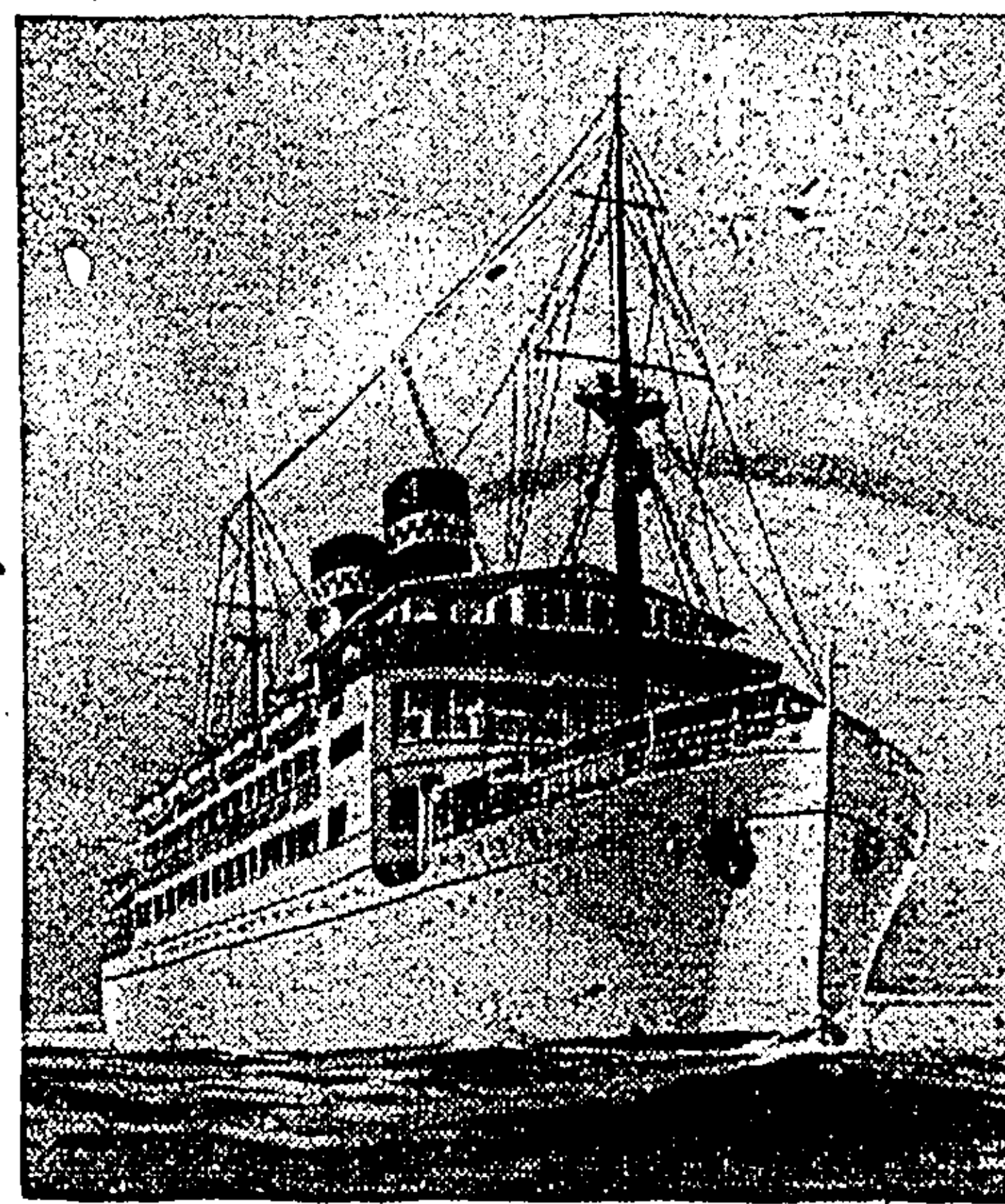
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CHAOS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Food supplies in Czechoslovakia are becoming steadily worse, according to well-informed foreign circles in Jerusalem who state that even the regular civil rations are frequently unobtainable.

In Bratislava the position is so bad that angry housewives daily cause disturbances in front of the supply office. Over 800 people have been imprisoned in Slovakia in the last four weeks, on the charge of being Communists, but actually only a few are Communists, the majority being faithful supporters of the Czechoslovak Republic.

Goods traffic decreased by over three-quarters during June owing to sabotage.

A decree has been published in Belgrade introducing compulsory labour for all between the ages of 17 and 45, because German attempts to persuade Serbian peasant workers to go to work in Germany on the promise that they will be well fed and well paid met with no success.

A British Empire cricket team beat London Counties by 87 runs in a one-day match between pioneers of wartime cricket on Saturday. British Empire scored 187, and London Counties 120.

JAPANESE TROOPS REPLACED

LARGE NUMBERS OF JAPANESE TROOPS IN CENTRAL CHINA HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MANCHURIA RECENTLY AND PUPPET TROOPS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO TAKE UP GARRISON DUTIES IN PLACES WHERE THE JAPANESE HAVE EVACUATED. ACCORDING TO A SHANGHAI DISPATCH.

Organisation and training of more puppet troops has been intensified.

Recently while embarking on Japanese ships for Tsin-tao for training, many of the 2,000 puppet troops under the command of Tao Shih-sheng tried to escape. Several deserters were shot dead by Japanese troops on guard.

Central News.

FAKIR OF IPI LOSING FACE

THE FAKIR OF IPI, NOTORIOUS TROUBLE-MAKER ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT KHARRE, NEAR THE DURAND LINE, AND TO HAVE MOVED SOUTHWARDS ABOUT 20 MILES NORTH-WEST OF RAZMAK.

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Inability to provide supplies and ammunition is apparently having a bad effect on his prestige. The failure of the Germans to carry out their forecasts of an early and decisive victory against Russia is being realised among the tribes, according to reports reaching Simla, and Germany's claims to invincibility are being ridiculed by them.

"NEW EUROPE" CLASS

The Foreign Scientific Institute in Berlin is arranging two-weeks' courses for foreigners on the subject of Hitler's "New Europe." A course costs 75 Reichsmarks, about £2 5s at pre-war rates, and candidates have to apply to their respective legations.

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B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	12	11	0	1	316	190	126	0	22
C. S. Rosset (C.C.C.)	11	9	0	2	281	162	119	0	18
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	12	8	1	3	270	226	44	0	17
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	13	8	0	5	259	218	41	0	16
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	12	8	0	4	259	222	37	0	16
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	12	8	0	4	248	222	26	0	16
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	13	8	0	5	289	232	57	0	16
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	13	7	1	5	267	221	46	0	15
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	12	7	0	5	224	202	22	0	14
A. P. Guterres (Rec. "B")	12	7	0	5	233	226	7	0	14
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	12	7	0	5	233	207	31	0	12
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	12	6	0	6	250	253	0	3	12
R. Dahan (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	5	1	4	212	208	4	0	11
H. A. Alves (Recreio "A")	5	5	0	0	134	71	63	0	10
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	9	5	0	4	169	177	0	8	10
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	13	5	0	8	243	284	0	41	10
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	5	4	0	1	117	91	26	0	8
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	4	0	5	161	157	4	0	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	11	4	0	7	202	222	0	20	8
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	13	4	0	9	220	299	0	79	8
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	3	3	0	0	82	42	40	0	6
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	6	2	2	2	117	107	10	0	6
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	6	2	2	2	113	131	0	18	6
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	3	0	6	157	202	0	46	6
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	6	2	1	3	116	112	4	0	5
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	11	2	1	8	187	246	0	59	5
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	2	0	2	67	70	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	7	2	0	5	119	152	0	33	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Galy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	33	9	24	0	2
C. A. Lopes (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C. "B")	2	1	0	1	40	35	5	0	2
L. M. Silva (Recreio "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	40	76	0	36	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	8	1	0	7	139	177	0	38	2
J. E. Noronha (Recreio "B")	1	0	0	1	13	19	0	6	0
C. E. Pereira (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
L. Sykes (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	18	28	0	10	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
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H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	22	50	0	28	0
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
E. Souza (Recreio)	3	0	0	3	45	72	0	27	0
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	41	84	0	43	0
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G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	10	6	0	4	218	192	26	0	12
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	10	6	0	4	223	220	3	0	12
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	11	6	0	5	205	204	1	0	12
E. Kern (K.F.C.)	6	5	0	1	133	113	20	0	10
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	6	5	0	3	168	141	27	0	10
W. Melrose (T.C.)	8	5	0	3	162	159	3	0	10
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	8	4	1	3	138	157	0	19	9
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	2	125	98	27	0	8
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M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	88	113	0	25	3
J. A. Watson (T.C.)	8	1	1	6	107	194	0	87	3
W. W. Parsons (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	15	11	0	2
E. S. Franks (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	14	5	0	2
W. Ward (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	24	4	0	2
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	4	1	0	3	73	96	0	23	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
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J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	23	0	13	0
H. V. Pereira (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	55	75	0	20	0

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J. C. Aitken (P.R.C.)	9	7	1	1	231	194	37	0	16
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	12	7	1	4	244	217	27	0	15
C. Wallis (K.B.G.C.)	9	7	0	2	216	141	75	0	14
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	12	7	0	5	250	221	29	0	14
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	13	6	0	7	232	245	0	13	12
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	9	6	1	3	196	141	55	0	11
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	11	5	1	5	229	232	0	3	11
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	171	148	23	0	10
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	9	4	1	4	174	156	18	0	9
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	6	4	0	2	167	102	65	0	8
J. P. Pato (H.K.F.C.)	6	4	0	2	122	118	4	0	8

SWEDISH BREAKS WORLD RECORD

The Swedish long-distance runner Gun-der Haegg established a new record for the 1,500. Metres flat race, clocking 3 mins 47 6/10 secs. at Stockholm yesterday.

The previous record-holder was Jack Lavelock, New Zealand Olympic star, whose time was 3 mins. 47 8/10 secs.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

While English Football is still in the throes of domestic trouble, Scottish Soccer, after only a few weeks rest, opened its new season on Saturday. Glasgow Rangers, only club running, two teams, made a successful start, both winning.

Results in the Southern League were—Aberdeen 2; Partick Thistle 2; Clyde 8; Falkirk 0; Dumbarton 3; Airdrie 5; Hamilton 3; Third Lanark 4; Hearts 3; Celtic 0; Morton 2; Hibernian 1; Queen's Park 1; St. John's 3; Rangers 3; Motherwell 0.

North-Eastern League.—Leith 3; Rangers 5; Raith 2; Aberdeen 4; Dundee United 1; East Fife 1; Dunfermline 7; St. Bernard's 3.—Reuter.

CHUNG HWA SUCCEED

Chung Hwa beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 19 runs to 8 in the only League Baseball game played yesterday at Chatham Road.

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U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
Hong Kong Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.146

* Since withdrawn.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Two matches will be played this evening in the Basketball League, when Ping Ching meet Wah Kui and Lu Leung encounter Victoria Recreation Club.

L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	0	4	157	160	0	3	8
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	9	4	0	5	168	177	0	3	8
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	0	7	211	214	0	3	8
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	13	4	0	9	220	300	0	80	8
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	4	3	0	1	53	80	13	0	6
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	6	3	0	2	98	93	5	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	3	0	4	121	146	0	25	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recreio)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
A. G. Buffad (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	49	37	12	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
A. Niss'm (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	60	69	0	9	4
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	66	22	0	4
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	72	69	3	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	64	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recreio)	6	2	0	4	112	145	0	33	4
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	2	0	5	137	180	0	43	4
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	29	18	11	0	2
W. A. Cornell (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.G.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recreio)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	35	0	1	2
M. Mendonca (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	33	36	0	3	2
M. R. Pinna (Recreio)	2	1	0	1	35	42	0	6	2
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	38	0	8	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	44	0	14	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	58	0	1	2
P. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
B. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	74	83	0	9	2
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	7	1	0	6	109	168	0	59	2
L. E. Lammert (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	17	0	2	0
Y. Abbaa (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
C. H. Fuller (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	17	21	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Maday (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
E. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	20	0	5	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	29	0	11	0
M. Gutierrez (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
A. F. Noronha (Recreio)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	49	69	0	20	0
A. B. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	46	65	0	21	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	84	55	0	22	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	25	0
R. O. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	44	88	0	24	0
A. G. Pau (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	0	0	5	60	130	0	70	0

BOWLER TURNS TO FISHING

By "Incog"

K. C. Hamilton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, "is packing up bowls to turn his attention to deep-sea fishing."

Hamilton told me this on Saturday, when he spoke about the success he had met with in Sydney, Australia, in January-February this year. His bag during those two months included seven marlins, which he caught in company with Maxie Lawson, a prominent member of the Deep Sea Fishing Association in Sydney. Hamilton says he is convinced marlin and sail-fish, which is a type of marlin, can be caught off Hong Kong waters. These fish cannot live in anything under 70 fathoms, and when the water off the Japanese coast is cooling, they migrate to the Philippines, passing Hong Kong on their way down. Unfortunately, says Hamilton, he has not been able to get any data as to the exact season for marlin fishing here, but he imagined it should be towards the end of the Summer.

220 Pounder

Hamilton's biggest catch in Sydney was one weighing 220 pounds, which kept him busy for over 1½ hours before he finally landed it. The marlins are terrible fighters and they go through the water at the rate of 45 miles an hour—their speed is their only protection against tiger sharks, which make a point of attacking them. The little marlins are only about 45 pounds in weight, but the real giants go up to about 450 pounds and when they are caught they leap out of the water, the first jump sometimes being as high as 30 feet, though Hamilton says the highest jump he saw was only 15 feet.

Disappointing Start

When he was in Sydney, Hamilton used a 36-strand line, but last week, when he went out on a deep-sea fishing expedition for the first time here, he took a 15-strand line. Reason for this was he did not want to risk breaking his 36-strand line until he had made sure that it was the marlin season here.

Unfortunately for him, his first outing proved a disappointment in that they ran into rough weather and the wind and rain made fishing of any nature impossible. He is now on the look-out for a suitable boat, having already got all the necessary tackle, and is rather optimistic about his prospects of landing his first marlin here before the year is out.

SATURDAY RESULTS

Followers of swimming were provided with some excellent sport at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday night when, contrary to general expectations, combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. team beat Combined Chinese in the charity swimming gala by 16 points to 10.

Outstanding feat of the evening was credited to Tsui Hang, newcomer to local competitive swimming, who defeated D. Hutchinson, Colony 100 Yards champion, while Miss V. Churn, V.R.C. lady star performer, excelled in the relay events.

In the Baseball League U.S.S. Mindanao beat Sappers by 27 runs to 4 to retain the pennant and Bagram Shield, while Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Civil Service Cricket Club in a postponed Second Division League tennis fixture by 7 sets to 2.

Craigengower continued in winning vein in the premier Division of the Lawn Bowls League, in the Second Division of which Kowloon Football Club, thanks to a clean sweep win over Club de Recreio, have displaced Kowloon Tong at the head to the League standings, results, at a glance, of Saturday's League programme being—

FIRST DIVISION

Reo. "A"	60	K.B.C.	"B" 51
C.C.C.	72	K.R.C.	"A" 65
P.R.C.	71	K.D.R.C.	62
C.S.C.C.	59	I.R.C.	65

SECOND DIVISION

Reo.	50	K.F.C.	81
Talkoo	01	H.K.C.C.	62
K. Tong	01	H.K.F.C.	41
C.C.C.	62	K.C.C.	64

THIRD DIVISION

H.K.C.C.	69	C.C.C.	40
K.B.C.C.	62	Elec.	58
K.F.C.	65	Reo.	45
H.K.F.C.	62	P.R.C.	60

Buccaners beat Kowloon Skating Rink "A" yesterday in the Hockey on Roller Skates League by 6 goals to 3 after leading at the interval by 5-3. L. Smirke (2), E. Soares, A. Olsen and E. Silva scored for the winners and S. Chan and Holmsted for the losers.



K. C. Hamilton's first big thrill in deep-sea fishing, 4 miles outside Sydney, Australia, this 220-pound marlin resisted for 1½ hours before it was finally landed.

SNEAD RETAINS TITLE

WITH ROUNDS OF 71, 68, 68 AND 69, GIVING A TOTAL OF 274, SAM SNEAD (HOLDER), OF HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA, WON THE CANADIAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT TORONTO ON SATURDAY.

The runner-up was Robert Gray, a Toronto professional, who returned cards of 70, 65, 70 and 71 to total 276.

In the last round Gray was in trouble at the par four 3rd, where he was out of bounds for a 8. He then played steadier and had three birdies between the 9th and the 18th holes, with the huge crowd roaring encouragement at every shot. He, however, missed a 15-foot putt at the 18th.

Snead, who had an eagle three at the 15th, was in terrific form throughout, securing four birdies and a bogey four at the 18th, where he was sand-trapped.

Gray's brilliant display in the early rounds raised the hope that the title would come to Canada for the first time since 1914, but Gray is a notorious hot and cold golfer, rising at times to heights of brilliance to descend to only moderate golf on other occasions. Nevertheless, his fight on this occasion thrilled the Canadians.

Gordon Brydson, of Toronto, was third with rounds of 73, 70, 69 and 57 (278).

At the 17th Gray needed a birdie to tie with Snead, but returned bogey, and then had another bogey at the 18th.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are matches in the Lawn Tennis League to be played to-day:—

First Division—J.R.C. v C.R.C.
Second Division—S.C.A.A. v K.T.G.C.A.

Third Division—K.I.T.C. v C.R.C. (1).

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Hong Kong English Forum are staging a swimming gala at Chinese Bankers' Association, Bathing Shed, North Point, to-day, commencing at 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Football Association Council will meet at the Association's offices on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. Included in the agenda is the approval of fixtures for season 1941/2.



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THAI RELIEF AFTER A CRITICAL FORTNIGHT

But Not Yet Out Of The Wood

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PLANS THE STRICTEST ENFORCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN AS LONG AS THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE TOKYO IS CONTEMPLATING FURTHER AGGRESSION, ESPECIALLY IN THAILAND, IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

U.S. CRUISERS LEAVE BRISBANE

The two heavy United States cruisers, "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City," which arrived in Brisbane unexpectedly last Tuesday on a training cruise, sailed yesterday.

Their destination is not disclosed. — Reuter.

NAZIS PREPARE ACTION

The Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1. — Reuter.

No licences have been granted for the import of silk, it is understood, and few, if any, will be unless there is a lessening of the tension in the Pacific. The resumption of "peace trade" will be considered if the Japanese refrain from attacking Thailand.

The U.S. Government's position is that the Japanese will not be permitted to use the benefits of American trade for the purpose of strengthening their military machine.

Greatest fear is that the Japanese will attack Singapore as a vital step in Axis control of the sea, which President Roosevelt is committed to prevent.

It is believed in Washington that if the United States, Britain, China and the Dutch East Indies stand together in the Pacific, there is a good chance that the Japanese will hesitate to risk a conflict, and war may be avoided. — International News Service.

Not Yet Out Of Wood

After a most critical fortnight members of the Thai Cabinet and diplomats in Bangkok are for the

first time sitting back, mopping their brows, collecting their thoughts and sorting them out.

Typically shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True we have just been through a hell of a bad time but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course we know we are not yet out of the wood."

MEANWHILE IN ADELAIDE, "DEVELOPMENTS WHICH BROOKED NO DELAY" WAS THE REASON GIVEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FOR THE CANCELLATION OF HIS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA AND HIS DECISION TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO MELBOURNE FOR THE FULL MEETING OF THE CABINET CALLED FOR NOON.

R.A.F. SWEEP NORTH FRANCE

An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Blenheim bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast on Sunday morning."

"A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort. Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing."

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered." — Reuter.

AIRCRAFT-CARRIER OFF AMOY

A Japanese aircraft-carrier has arrived off Amoy. Yesterday five planes from the aircraft-carrier attacked Changchow, dropping several bombs. Later they came to Yungan and dropped six bombs in the southern suburbs, causing about 10 casualties and wrecking several houses. One of the raiders was hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the hills at an undisclosed place. — Central News.

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DOOMED BEFORE ITS BIRTH

The Nazi peace offensive due to start in America to-day is doomed before it is born, said Quentin Reynolds, the American newspaperman, broadcasting from London last night.

Orders had been given to continental newspapers to publish speeches by American "isolationists."

Addressing Hitler throughout as "Mr. Schickelgruber—a name which was yours until you changed it before the last war"—Mr. Reynolds said Britain knew all about the new peace offensive. It had died before it was born.

"Publicity by Goebbels' agents was arranged to begin on Monday. They will say now the new order has been established there is peace in continental Europe and American interference or aid would result in civil war in countries which are now happy under German protection."

"If America persists in helping Britain it will mean chaos on the Continent."

"In countries in which you hold temporary sway there is not peace but paralysis." Mr. Reynolds declared. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS MODIFIED

(Continued from Page 1) the Finnish High Command in Helsinki yesterday made vague claims of the encirclement of Soviet troops and the driving of wedges into the Russian lines without mentioning a single place name.

MEANWHILE SOVIET GUERRILLAS IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW ARE CONTINUING TO WORK IN THE GERMAN REAR. SOME OF THEM ARE OPERATING AS FAR BACK AS LWOW. IN POLAND, OVER 250 MILES BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

Finnish Claims

The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communique.

It says: "The enemy's fortified positions were broken through and wedges driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions were cut off."

"There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance."

The communique adds that completion of the encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing but it does not mention a single place.

Soviet Communique

The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information

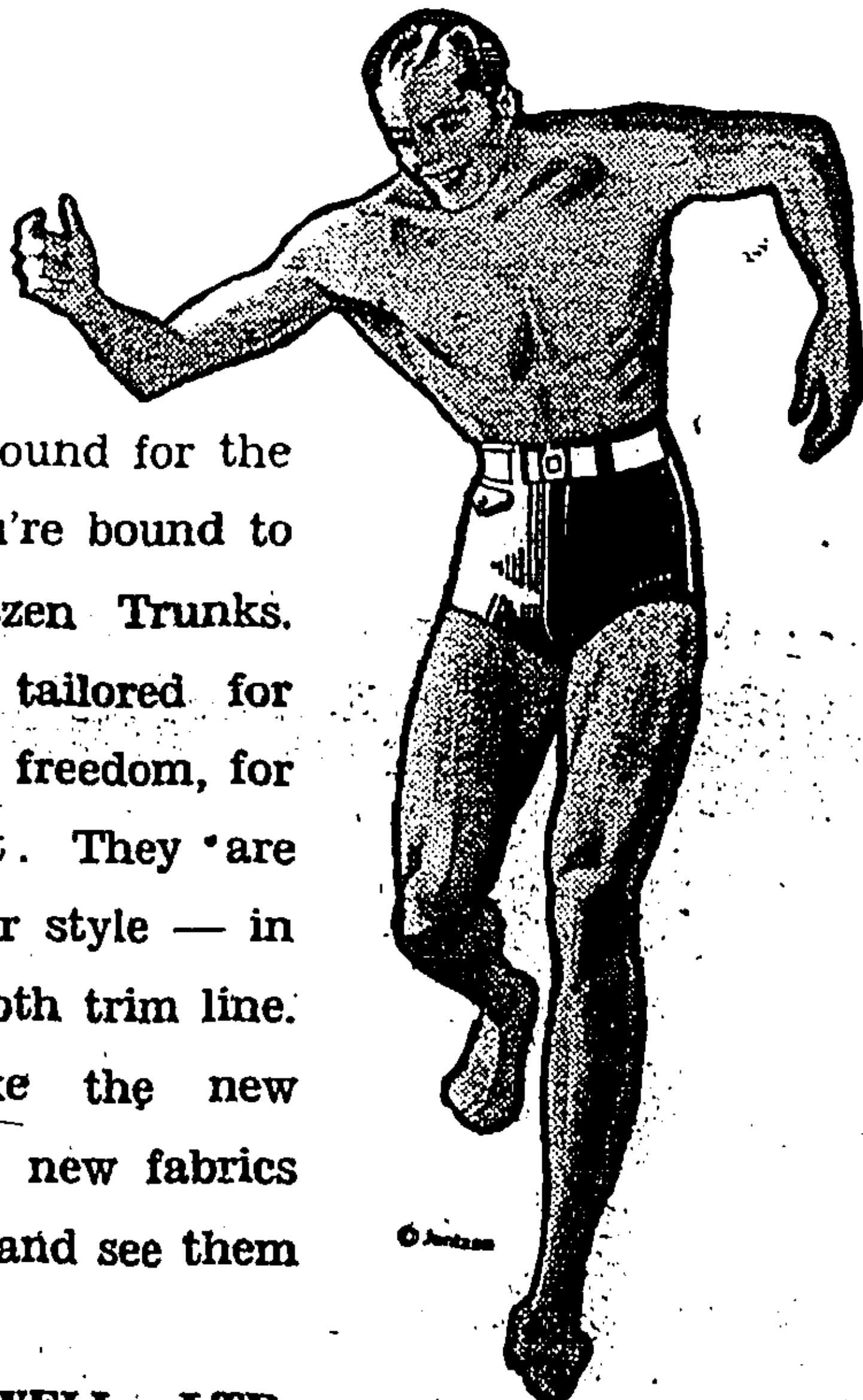
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tion Bureau at 10.30 last night: "In the course of August 10, our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Solsti, Kholm, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Uman."

"Our air force, in cooperation with the land forces, inflicted blows on the enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9, our air force brought down 45 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own aircraft."

"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 9, 10 German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported."

"During the day of August 9, our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow civil defence zone." — Reuter.



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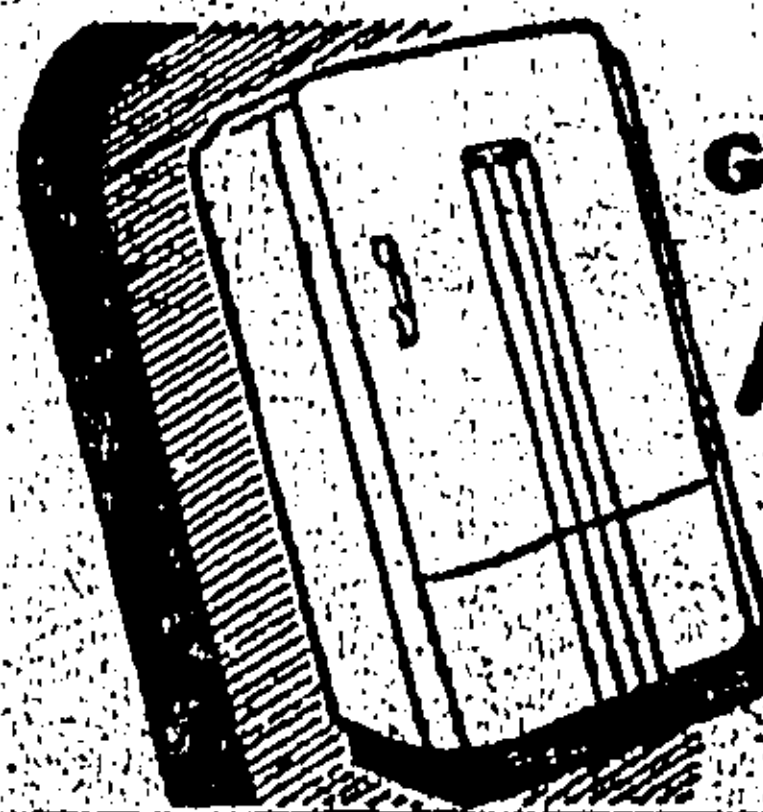
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FAR EAST POSITION STEADIER

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who arrived in New York yesterday on the way to the Far East, where he will be Minister of State, said in an interview that British administration in the Far East would be centralised in Singapore.

Mr. Duff-Cooper, who is accompanied by his wife, expressed the belief that the reaction of the Japanese Government "to the strong measures taken by Britain and the United States as the result of Japan's intrusion into Indo-China," had shown "a distinctly steady and healthy effect."

To what he described as rumours that full use was not being made of Lease and Lend material, Mr. Duff-Cooper declared: "We are now getting a full flow of American production and materials—all of first-rate quality."

All had been utilised and were playing "a tremendous part" in Britain's war programme.

Mr. Duff-Cooper listened at LaGuardia Airport to the Queen's broadcast.

He said he would remain in the United States for about a fortnight. He would leave for Washington shortly and from there would fly to San Francisco whence he would take the Clipper east.—Reuter.

PREPARING FOR SEA ATTACK

"The German attack against Kiev and Odessa may be supplemented by a naval attack against Russian Crimea, according to reliable military advice arriving in Ankara from Moscow and the southern Russo-German front," states Martin Agronsky, the National Broadcasting Corporation commentator.

He adds that at the Black Sea port of Constanza and at various points north of Constanza, along the Black Sea coast, between 250 and 300 naval barges, each capable of carrying 400 shock troops, complete with special equipment, are assembled.

At the same time, for the past few weeks, the Nazis have been concentrating at various points along the Rumanian Black Sea coast, near the frontier with the Soviet Union.

"WAR MAY LAST TEN YEARS"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York quotes the B.B.C. as having broadcast the news that the Italian Minister of Education, Signor Bottai, in an article stated that: "It may be well to prepare the nation for a prolonged war. Sudden peace should not be expected."

"It will be wise to spread the belief that the war will last 10 years." — International News Service.

No Decision Yet On Southern Front

THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS OF STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPERS CITE THE MILITARY OPINION THAT FRESH GERMAN SUCCESS IN THE UKRAINE IS SO COMPREHENSIVE THAT A RUSSIAN ABANDONMENT OF THE GREAT CURVE OF THE DNIEPER, ODESSA AND THE BLACK SEA COAST IS CONSIDERED IMMINENT BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolaiev whence it will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre.

It is declared, however, that victories already won do not mean that the decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

As regards Gen. Timoshenko's appeal to local populations to destroy anything likely to be

useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume the responsibility for the feeding and the safety of the populations where guerilla sabotage is practised.

The Nyheter's Berlin correspondent says that reports show guerilla bands are still active behind the Germans, sabotaging, holding farms and even villages.

Appeal To Surrender

An appeal by German prisoners of war captured by the Russians to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to the Soviet Communiqué.

The supplement describes how the 307th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was

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Fearful Losses

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German army has lost approximately 35 per cent. of its mechanised and infantry troops during the past seven weeks, according to the official "Red Star," in Moscow. Seized Nazi medical unit data lists losses by divisions.

The "Red Star" failed to identify the annihilated divisions.

Forty per cent. loss of the effectives are claimed in the 56th, 197th and 299th Infantry Divisions, and 11th, 13th, 14th and 16th Tank Divisions.

The 7th Tank Division lost 30 per cent. and the 11th Infantry Division lost 20 per cent.

The 18th Tank Division is stated to have sustained "fearful losses." — International News Service.

GRAPHIC STORY OF ROUT OF GERMANS

A SUPPLEMENT to yesterday's Soviet communique gives a graphic description of the battle, stating that a Russian formation commanded by Comrade Lunyanov routed two German battalions of the 305th Infantry Regiment and one battalion of motorised infantry.

"The engagement with the Fascist troops commenced after two hours of German artillery fire, the Germans attacking our right flank where Lt. Col. Stepin was acting.

"Lt. Col. Stepin's units supported by artillery and a group of mine throwers, threw back the first German wave, inflicting heavy losses. The second attack was also successfully repulsed.

"After two attacks the Germans resumed shelling our right flank. An hour later the artillery preparation was suddenly silenced, and the German tank group advanced against our right flank. Our troops let it pass into the interior of the defence zone where it was completely annihilated, 23 enemy tanks being destroyed.

400 Nazi Dead

"The enemy infantry was cut off from its flank and fell under the mine-throwers' fire. The men of the mortar gun crew at Bidarov, Kozhemyakin and Mikeledze distinguished themselves particularly by killing more than 200 enemy soldiers.

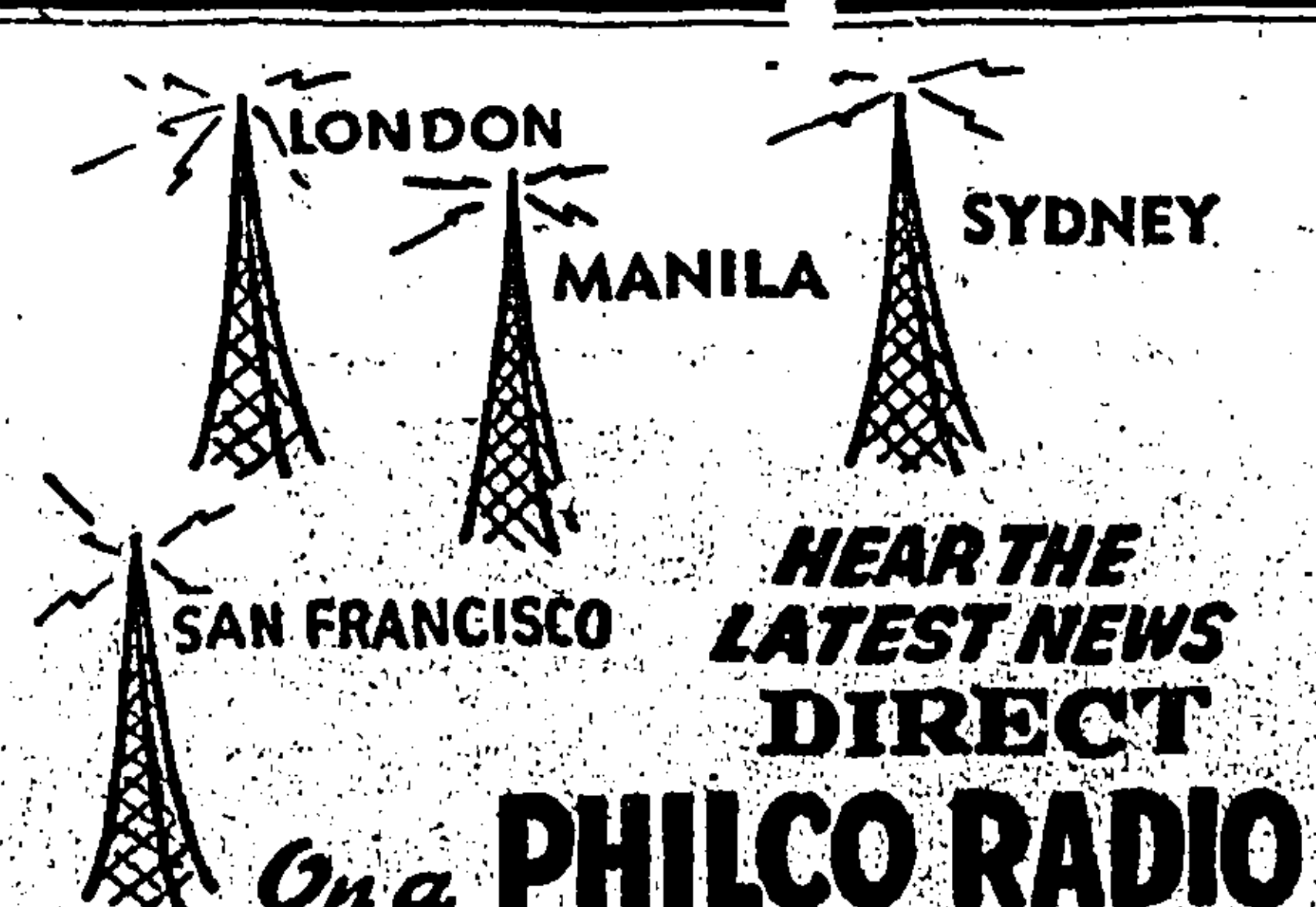
"The unit under Lt. Col. Stepin at least a further 400 barges of similar troop-carrying capacity. — Reuter.

Roosevelt Returning

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM HIS CRUISE SOME TIME THIS WEEK, BUT SPECULATION IS STILL RIFE REGARDING THE CONFERENCE HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE HAD WITH MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

The fifth Navy message from the yacht declared that everything was "quiet aboard," with the vessel anchored in a fog bank. — International News Service.



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A FRENCH AGREEMENT WITH NAZIS?

GERMAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR THROUGH SPAIN TO MOROCCO EN ROUTE TO DAKAR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, WHO SAY THAT TWO PANZER DIVISIONS, COMPOSED OF 1,000 TANKS AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ENTERED MOROCCO.

While world attention centres on the Russian war and the Japanese thrust, this reported secret German move is seen as the German answer to American occupation of Iceland and is aimed to forestall a possible American occupation of Dakar.

Government quarters in Washington make no comment.

President Roosevelt and the State Department have repeatedly warned Vichy and Lisbon that any change in the status quo would be a serious threat to American security, but American action is not likely if Vichy and Portugal do not resist.

General Franco is reported to have agreed to cooperate with Germany in any movement against Dakar or French Morocco, and Berlin is reported to be promising a large slice of French North-West Africa in return. — International News Service.

Discussions In Vichy

According to the Stockholm newspaper "Demokraten's" Berlin correspondent political circles there believe the discussions in Vichy concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance also a certain degree of military collaboration.

This military collaboration, says the correspondent, includes the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Vice-Premier, is willing but Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares the Marshal's views. Darlan realises that such an agreement means a rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin Views

Berlin believes Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following the definite replacement of the armistice by a peace.

NO VILLAGE SPARED

The thoroughness of Russia's "scorched earth" policy is amply demonstrated by the German war films propaganda company reports, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

"No town, no village, no settlement remains spared. Hundreds of thousands of dwellings have been razed to the ground," he writes.

He adds that a German war correspondent who toured the whole front concluded his report by saying: "The end of the fighting cannot yet be foreseen." — Reuter.

PATROL ACTIVITY

A Cairo G.H.Q. communique states: "Libya—our patrols outside Tobruk and in the frontier area continued their aggressive activities but no important contact with the enemy was made." — British Wireless.

LARGE R.A.F. FORMATION OVER THE CHANNEL

R.A.F. formations flew across the Channel to Northern France yesterday morning and again during the afternoon.

The R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel in the afternoon, flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais, was stated by spectators to be very large. — Reuter.

U.S. TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW

The meeting of the Vichy leaders, who are believed to be discussing the German demands, is tantamount to according Germany the full use of strategic Atlantic bases in the French African coast, and is being closely watched in Washington.

In the event of Vichy agreeing to such German demands, it reported, the United States is likely to break off diplomatic relations with Vichy at once.

The whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in French possessions is the subject of intensive study in the light of the latest developments in Vichy.

President Roosevelt, it is understood, as well as officials in Washington, is giving the subject his close attention. The problem is also believed to be under active discussion with the British authorities.

THE PRESENT GERMAN DEMANDS ON VICHY ARE BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON TO BE ONLY PART OF A BROAD NAZI PLAN TO GAIN NEW STRATEGIC BASES FOR INTENSIFIED AIR AND SUBMARINE WARFARE AGAIN SHIP-PIING IN THE ATLANTIC DURING THE WINTER. — REUTER.

CZECH AIRMEN'S FINE FEAT

The Czech crew of a Wellington bomber, by "commendable coolness, and fine airmanship," recently brought home their aircraft safely under great difficulties.

The bomber was returning from an attack when just over the Dutch coast it was fired upon by a German night fighter.

The rear gunner returned the fire but cannon shells burst in the bomb compartment and set the aircraft on fire and the astrodrome was also hit.

The captain turned the aircraft back over Holland to enable the crew to bale out if the fire could not be extinguished. Determined efforts were made to do this and after fifteen minutes the fire was out.

It had burnt much of the fabric not only off the top and bottom of one wing but also along the side of the fuselage. Inside the aircraft it had destroyed the chart board, various pieces of equipment and still more fabric.

The wireless set would no longer work, the under-carriage dropped and stayed down and the bomb doors fell half open and remained open for the remainder of the flight.

In spite of this and other damage to the structure the pilot turned once more to sea and brought the bomber home.

All the crew escaped injury except minor burns and scorching while fighting the fire. — British Wireless.

GERMANY REPLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German Government yesterday notified the United States that the two Americans unaccounted for from the "Zamzam" are still on board the German raider.

Both men are too badly wounded to be transferred the German Note said. — International News Service.

GERMAN 'PLANE LANDS IN NILE DELTA

It is now revealed in Cairo that a German plane made a forced landing on Lake Borollos, about 50 miles east of Alexandria, during an attempted raid on the Nile Delta last week.

The four occupants, of whom two were wounded, were taken prisoner. — Reuter.

PROMOTION FOR DARLAN?

M. BONNET, FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS ARRIVED IN VICHY, REPORTS THE GERMAN RADIO.

The announcer added "Bonnet always pressed Petain to collaborate with Germany."

A Vichy despatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevalent in Vichy, Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits."

He will also be raised to military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters. — Reuter.

CZECH ARMY IN RUSSIA

The Czech Foreign Minister announced in London yesterday that a Czech military unit was being organised in Russia and would fight under its own officers but within the command of the Soviet Union, says Reuter.

LORD WILLINGTON, MUCH THE SAME

Lord Willington, who has been ill at his London home with pneumonia for some days, was stated last night to be "very much the same," says Reuter.

VICHY HINT OF INTERNAL CHANGE

THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE which surrounded Marshal Petain's talks with Admiral Darlan and General Weygand on Saturday eased considerably yesterday, says the Vichy news agency.

Talks between the principal Ministers prior to to-day's Cabinet meeting, took place yesterday morning but the utmost discretion is still being observed concerning the subjects discussed.

Agenda of the conversations, it is understood, includes the whole question of internal and foreign policy.

Marshal Petain and Darlan attended Vichy races yesterday afternoon.

"Political questions" played an important part in Saturday's discussions, says a Vichy news agency statement.

Double Aspect

"For some time," the statement continues, "the press in the occupied zone has been developing the idea that a general reshuffling of the Government is necessary."

In any case, problems of external and internal policy seem closely linked. The subjects which formed part of Saturday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect.

Great importance continues to be attached to the part which Joseph Barthélemy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the armistice terms. — Reuter.

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"However great the cost, however long the struggle, justice, freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth," she added. The text of the broadcast follows:—

"It is just over two years since I spoke to the American people and my purpose then was to thank countless friends for so much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness that I want to speak to-day.

"We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted the years behind us to the planning of death and destruction.

"As yet saved by the valour of our people, we have not matched our enemies, and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

"Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakeable constancy. In many cities their homes are left in ruins, as are many of those ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

A Great Cause

"Women and children have been killed, and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution.

"Wherever I go I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard it is straight and we know that we fight in a great cause.

"It is not our way, in dark days to turn for support to others, but even had we been minded so to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

"The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry and comfort for those sorely afflicted.

Courage & Endurance

"Canteens, ambulances and medical supplies have come in unceasing flow from the United States.

"I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms, though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere, beyond expression.

"Unless you have seen, as I have seen, how your gifts have been put to use, you cannot know, perhaps, the solace, which you have brought to the men and women of Britain who are suffering and toiling in the cause of freedom.

"Here in Britain our women are working in factory and field, turning laths and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance amazing.

Undaunted Courage

"I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with the navy, army and air force,

driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing, and everyone of them working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions.

"Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it. Others are air raid wardens or ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of the night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

"I must give a special word to the nurses, those wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never falter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and never of themselves.

Manifold Services

"And I need not remind you, who set as much store by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our housewives have to face nowadays, and how gallantly they keep tackling them.

"I could continue the list almost indefinitely, so manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their daily or nightly tasks, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

"We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving in your committee rooms and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian garrison here.

"Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel I would like to send a special message of thanks to the American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us, in time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been, for 2,000 years, the mark of a good neighbour.

"Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also proud sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Joint Cause

"To you, tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and to my mind at any rate — your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours, no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and however long the struggle, justice

CHURCHILL WHEREABOUTS STILL MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Roosevelt-Churchill mystery is as mysterious as ever, with neither Washington nor London dispelling the idea that the two statesmen have either met or are to meet.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, is now "missing" from Washington, and this has led to hints he has joined Admiral Starke, General Marshall and General Arnold on the presidential yacht with Mr. Churchill. — International News Service.

WANG'S NEWSPAPER IN A MESS

Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office on Saturday the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear yesterday and may not be able to resume publication for the present, says a Shanghai dispatch.

It is learned that three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the papers. The explosions set a large stock of newsprint on fire which soon spread to the whole four-storey building.

The conflagration lasted for over four hours. It was seen even on the south bank of the Szechow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the area and stopped all traffic.

Total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000. — Central News.

RAID ON KUNMING

Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon yesterday.

Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 300 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses. — Central News.

AUSTRALIAN A.R.P.

It was announced in Canberra yesterday that the Federal Government has decided to grant £500,000 for A.R.P. in Australia. — Reuter.

and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth.

"I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all." — Reuter.

SLAV FRONT VOWS NAZI DESTRUCTION

REPRESENTATIVES of all the Slav nations — Poles, Czechs, Serbians, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins — spoke at a meeting held in Moscow yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was opened by the well-known Soviet Russian writer, Alexei Tolstoy, who declared the Slav world must unite for the speedy and final destruction of the German Fascists.

They were united as different groups but as equals. The Slav peoples must hamper, spoil, destroy and annihilate the Fascist war machine everywhere.

The Polish General Jenuhajtis, speaking in Polish, declared Poland's resistance and sacrifice thwarted the plans of the enemy.

The Nazi attack on the Soviet marked the beginning of the ruin of the German Fascists. This struggle for the Slavs was one of life or death.

cadres should soon be filled, but all must fight, even those in the rear, but they must use wisdom for the enemy was cunning and cruel.

"The time of vengeance for a thousand years of murder of Slavs is at hand. Let us also fight for a better world.

"German Fascism is not only the enemy of the Slavs, the French and English, it also personifies the mean world of violence and slavery." — Reuter.

No Doubts

The speaker declared the Sikorski Government had shown a great measure of political wisdom in entering the Russo-Polish Agreement. The Polish people would support General Sikorski's work.

Their duty was to put the Agreement into operation immediately. This was no time for doubts. Now they must defeat Hitler.

Poland was now forming an army by the side of the Red Army.

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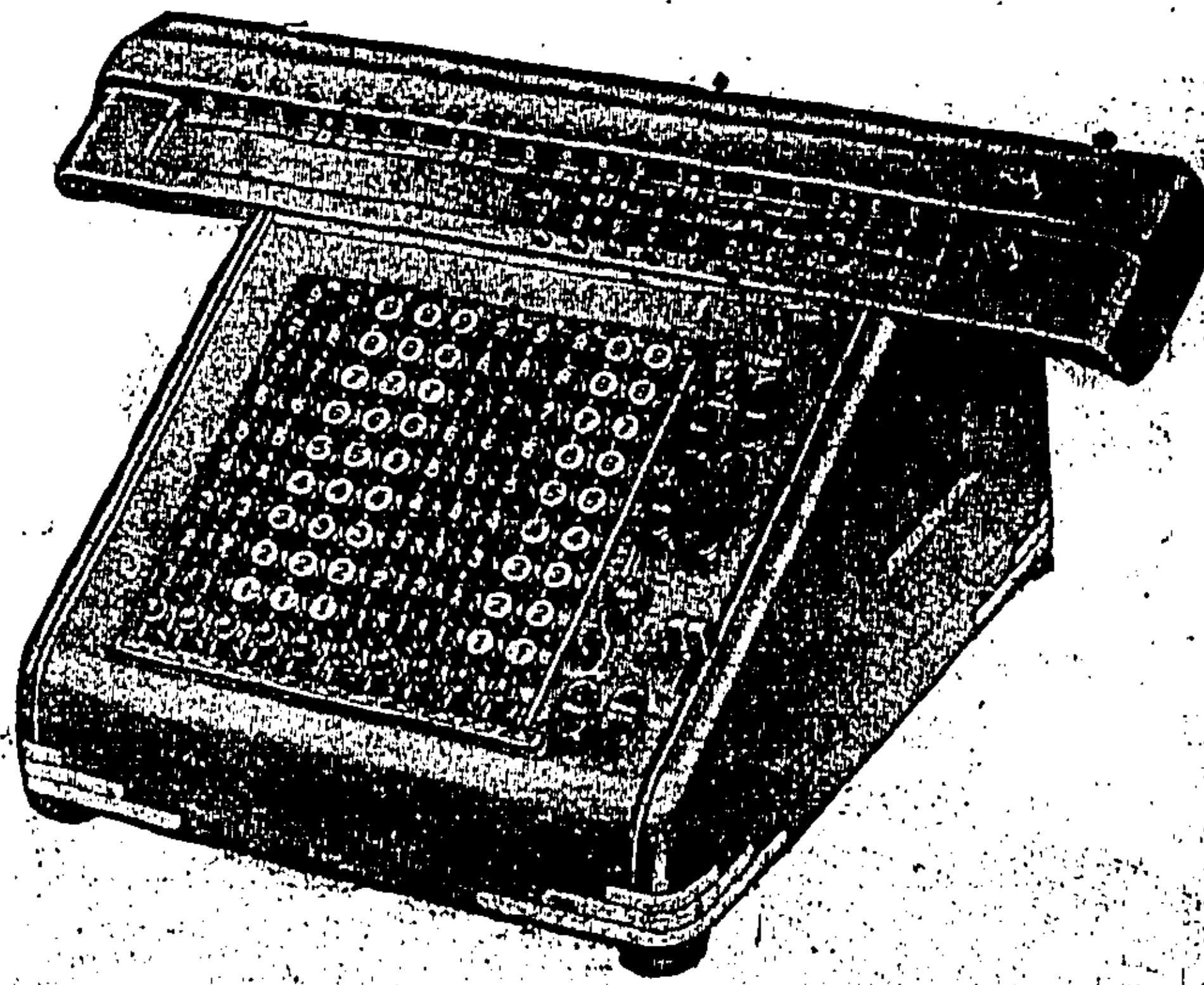
By August "Bundles For Britain Incorporated" had distributed in Britain a total of £112,587.

Of this £62,896 was divided among 34 London hospitals, and £10,621 among hospitals in severely bombed areas.

Gifts to provincial towns amounted to £6,728 and miscellaneous gifts to £33,321. — British Wireless.

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HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ITALIANS IN NORTH AFRICA

HEAVY R.A.F. ATTACKS on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily, as well as Libya, figure in the latest R.A.F. Middle East communique, issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says that during Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. There were large fires accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris at Tripoli, where the dock area was raided.

Fires in the neighbourhood of the power house were visible for a considerable distance from the target.

Bard'a was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

Blenheims obtained hits on a motor transport yard causing explosions and a number of fires. Fleet Air Arm planes made a series of dive attacks and started a number of fires.

Raid On Greece

Heavy bombers also attacked the port of Benghazi where explosions were seen on railway sidings, and the port of Derna, where fires followed the attack.

In Greece heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis, starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft.

In Sicily our bombers dropped bombs on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quayside was damaged by bombs on and near it.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

HAWKER PROBLEM

A letter from the Government relative to the amendments made by the Urban Council on July 2, 1941 to the by-laws under the Hawkers Ordinance No. 22 of 1935 and with regard to the Hawker problem generally, will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the Urban Council.

H.M.S. DEFENDER SUNK

An Admiralty communique issued in London last evening announced the loss of a British destroyer.

The destroyer was H.M.S. Defender which, says the announcement, was sunk with no loss of life.—Reuter.

THAI AIRMEN FOR JAPAN

Domei reports that four young lieutenants of the Thai Air Force are arriving in Tokyo on August 18 to study Japanese flying technique for three years.—Reuter.

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FORGED PERMITS

Four Chinese who arrived here from Macao on Saturday have been detained for possession of forged Immigration permits, the "China Mail" learned from Mr. J. H. B. Lee, the Immigration Officer.

Mr. Lee disclosed that a number of forged Immigration permits have been discovered recently among passengers arriving from Macao.

The authorities have been investigating and will probably request the Macao police to cooperate.

Persons discovered with forged permits are questioned and sent back to Macao by the Immigration authorities.

RAIDS ON SHENSI

Hancheng, Siyang, Sian and Ichwan, Shensi towns, were raided by 42 Japanese planes in five groups yesterday. Incendiary bombs were dropped at Sian.

Nine Japanese planes raided Tai in the morning, dropping more than 20 bombs in the outskirts. Damage was slight. A lone Japanese plane reconnoitred Sian.—Central News.

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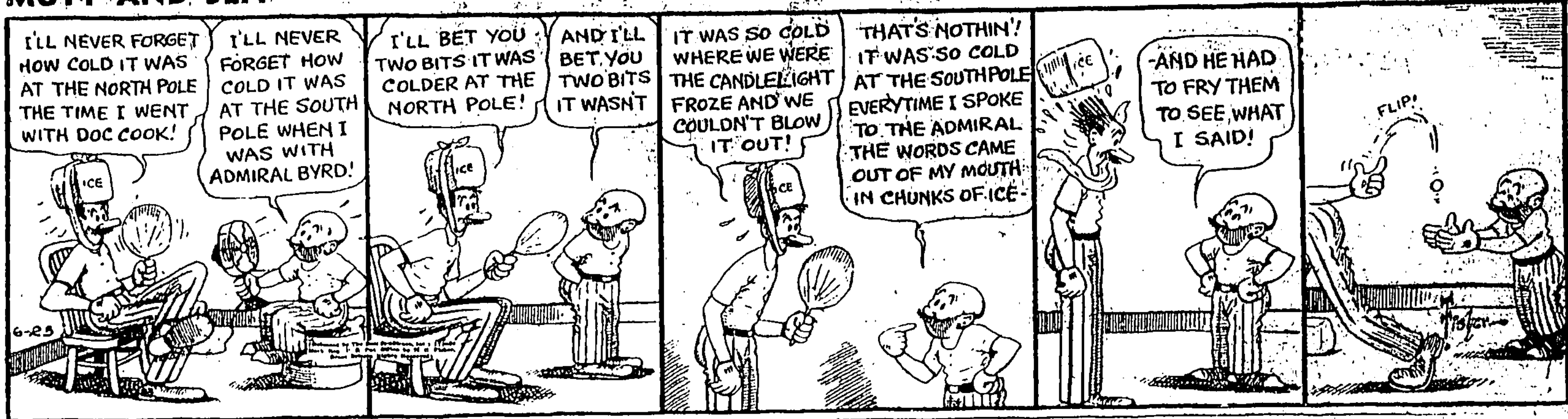
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Schickelgruber Gets A Message From Mr. Reynolds

QUENTIN REYNOLDS, THE AMERICAN JOURNALIST WHOSE RECENT BROADCAST TO GOEBBELS FROM LONDON WAS WIDELY QUOTED ABROAD, LAST NIGHT SPOKE TO HITLER IN THE SAME VEIN.

Mr. Reynolds throughout addressed Hitler as Schickelgruber — the Fuehrer's original family name. After saying it might be wise to change back to the name of Schickelgruber because "none can really be angry at anyone named Schickelgruber and so many are really angry at the name Hitler," Mr. Reynolds made a telling indictment of "Mein Kampf."

He said: "I find one paragraph in it very interesting. It is your estimate of the value of propaganda."

"Your actual words are: By propaganda with clever and persistent application even Heaven can be palmed off on people as Hell, and, the other way round, the most wretched life as para-

dise. I wonder if you believe that now. "Let us consider the propaganda you send outside Germany. Honestly it doesn't fool anyone these days."

"It fooled Britain and my country for years. It fooled Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Norway. It didn't fool Russia, though, did it?"

"When you made that pact with Russia in 1939 you declared joyously to the Reichstag: 'Russia and Germany fought against one another in the World War. That shall not and will not happen again.'"

"Then, on December 10, 1940, in a broadcast you paid high tribute to the people of Russia and you declared: 'In the terrible struggle the Russian people rose and freed themselves from the clique of power-thirsty magnates of finance, trade, raw materials and industry.'"

"Russians remembered what you had said years before on Page 538 of 'Mein Kampf.' The present rulers of Russia are blood-stained criminals, the dregs of humanity."

"The silent man in the Kremlin said nothing but he remembered and prepared."

Tricks Have Failed

On page 539 you said: "Bolshevism is an infamous crime against humanity."

The silent man in the Kremlin said nothing but ordered more aeroplanes and more tanks.

"No, your propaganda doesn't fool people any more, Mr. Schickelgruber."

"Every trick your little gabby man has tried to work in France has failed."

"You'll recall that on June 15 last, in an effort to popularise the once respected but now despised Admiral Darlan, he ordered every shop in France to display the Admiral's picture. He ordered every newspaper in both occupied and unoccupied France to print a likeness of Darlan on the first page."

"The order was obeyed. But did your agents notice that somehow most of the pictures in shop windows happened to fall face downwards? Did your agents tell you proudly that every paper in France published Darlan's picture on page one?"

"But did they add, Mr. Schickelgruber, that almost half of the papers printed the picture in the fifth column?"

Mr. Reynolds then dealt with the new German propaganda campaign which he said, "starts on Monday in America."

Mistake To Wake The Dead

He said: "You know, Mr. Schickelgruber, Britain has eyes and ears all over Europe, even in Germany, and here we know all about your new peace offensive. It has died before it is born."

Mr. Reynolds finally told Hitler his greatest mistake was to "awaken the dead" in England.

"When you bombed Plymouth, Francis Drake came out of his legendary past to live once more, in the city from which he so often sailed."

"And when slap-happy Hermann's futile fusillers bombed and machine-gunned lightships, do you think then that Nelson slept?"

"Once more Nelson was roused and to-day his spirit rides the bridge of every ship that flies the British flag."

"It is dangerous to awaken the dead, Mr. Schickelgruber. Do you think then that Wellington slumbers in his grave or that Allenby sleeps? Old soldiers never die, Mr. Schickelgruber."

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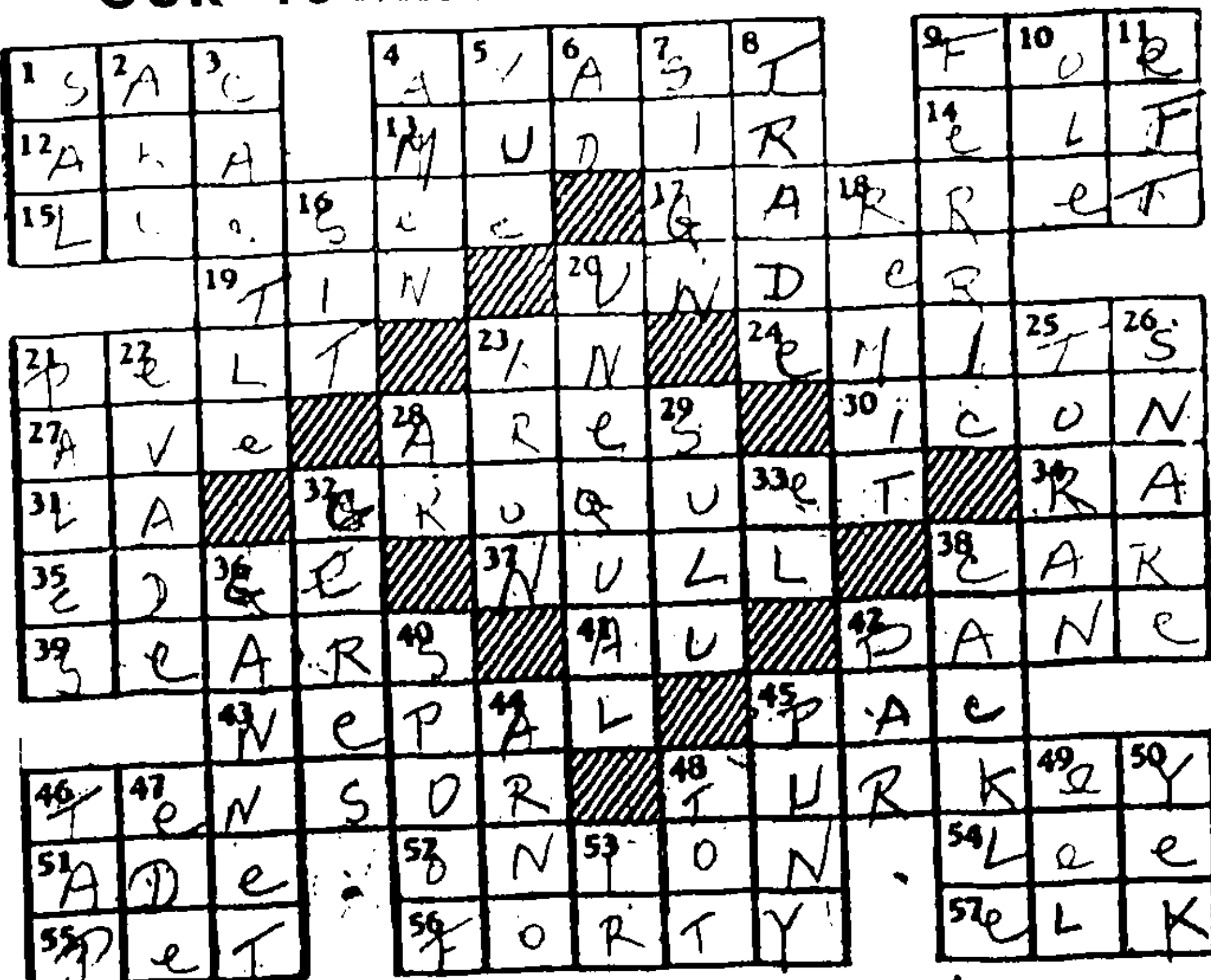
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"But who in this island fears death if he may then walk with Drake and Nelson and Beatty and the other immortals? It is dangerous to awaken the dead." — British Wireless.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pouch
- 4 Cease
- 9 Enemy
- 12 Constellation
- 13 Turkish governor
- 14 Fairy
- 15 Tenant
- 17 Attic
- 19 Mineral
- 20 Less than
- 21 To hurt
- 23 Nook
- 24 Gives forth
- 27 Greeting
- 28 War god
- 30 Image
- 31 French article
- 32 Game played with mallets
- 34 Sun god
- 35 Border
- 37 Invalid
- 38 Vehicle
- 39 Burns
- 41 Symbol for gold
- 42 Sheet of glass
- 43 Asiatic kingdom
- 45 Moccasin
- 46 Stretching muscle
- 48 Large Anatolian bird

VERTICAL

- 1 Sodium chloride
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 51 Humourist
- 52 Vegetable
- 54 Meadow
- 55 To caress
- 56 Two score
- 57 Large deer

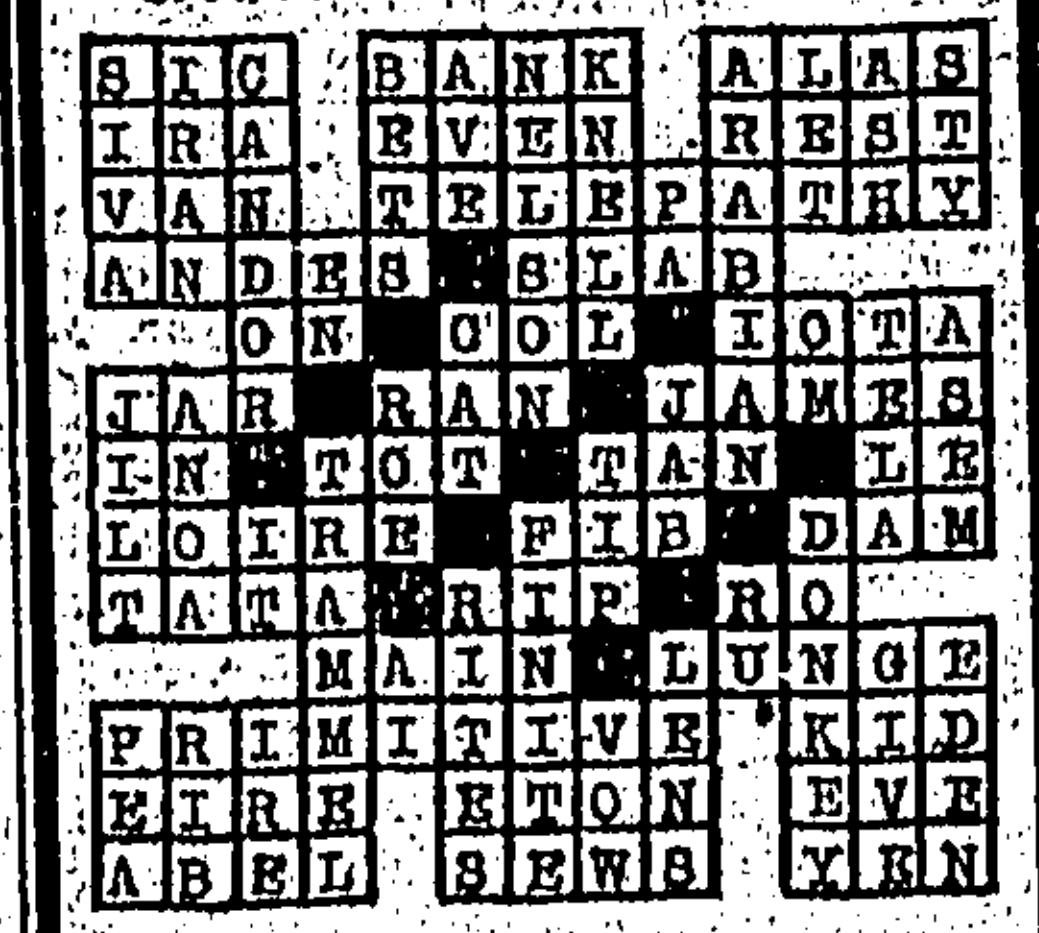
3 Chess piece

- 4 So be it
- 5 Helmet
- 6 Paid notice
- 7 Indication
- 8 Barter
- 9 Containing iron
- 10 Palm leaf
- 11 Salamander

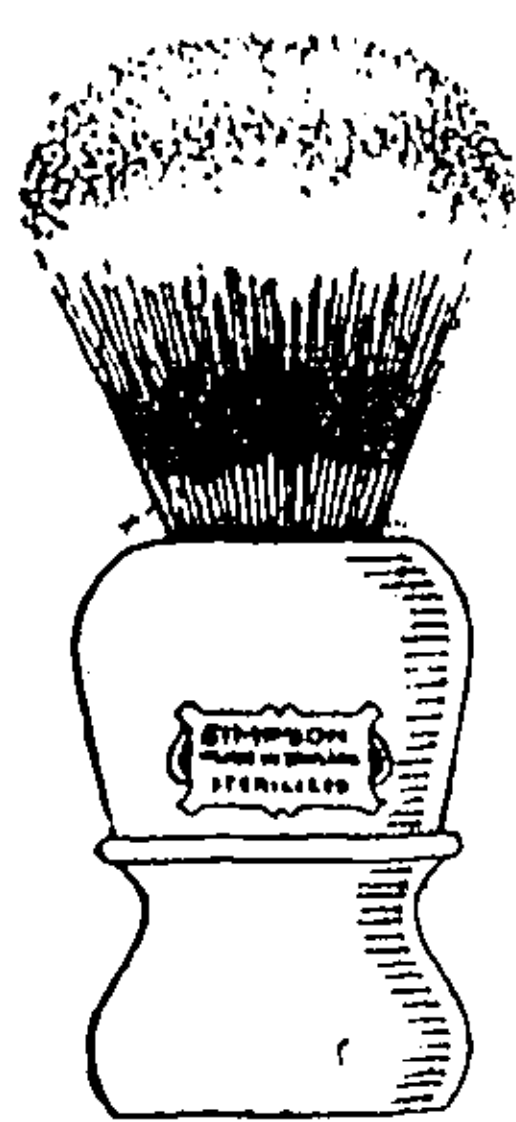
16 To pose

- 18 To pardon
- 20 Irregular
- 21 Blanches
- 22 To get away from
- 23 To smooth
- 25 Gateway to a Buddhist temple
- 28 Land measure
- 29 Islands near the Philippines
- 32 Roman goddess
- 33 Spanish article
- 36 Sea bird
- 38 To laugh
- 40 Colloquial to deceive
- 42 Perfect golf
- 44 Italian river
- 45 Feeble
- 46 To hit lightly
- 47 Holland commune
- 48 Child
- 49 Snake-like fish
- 50 Domestic ox
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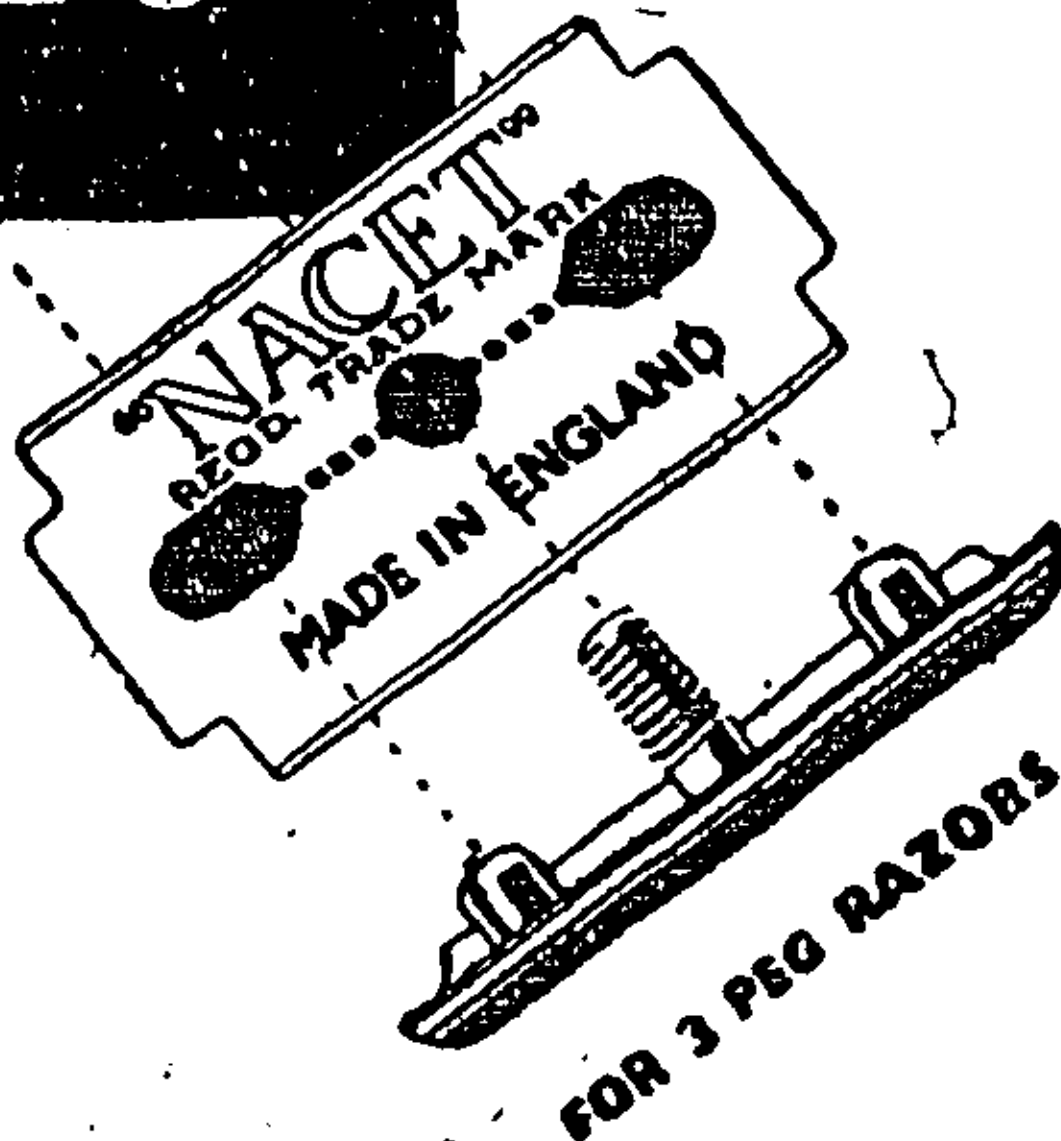
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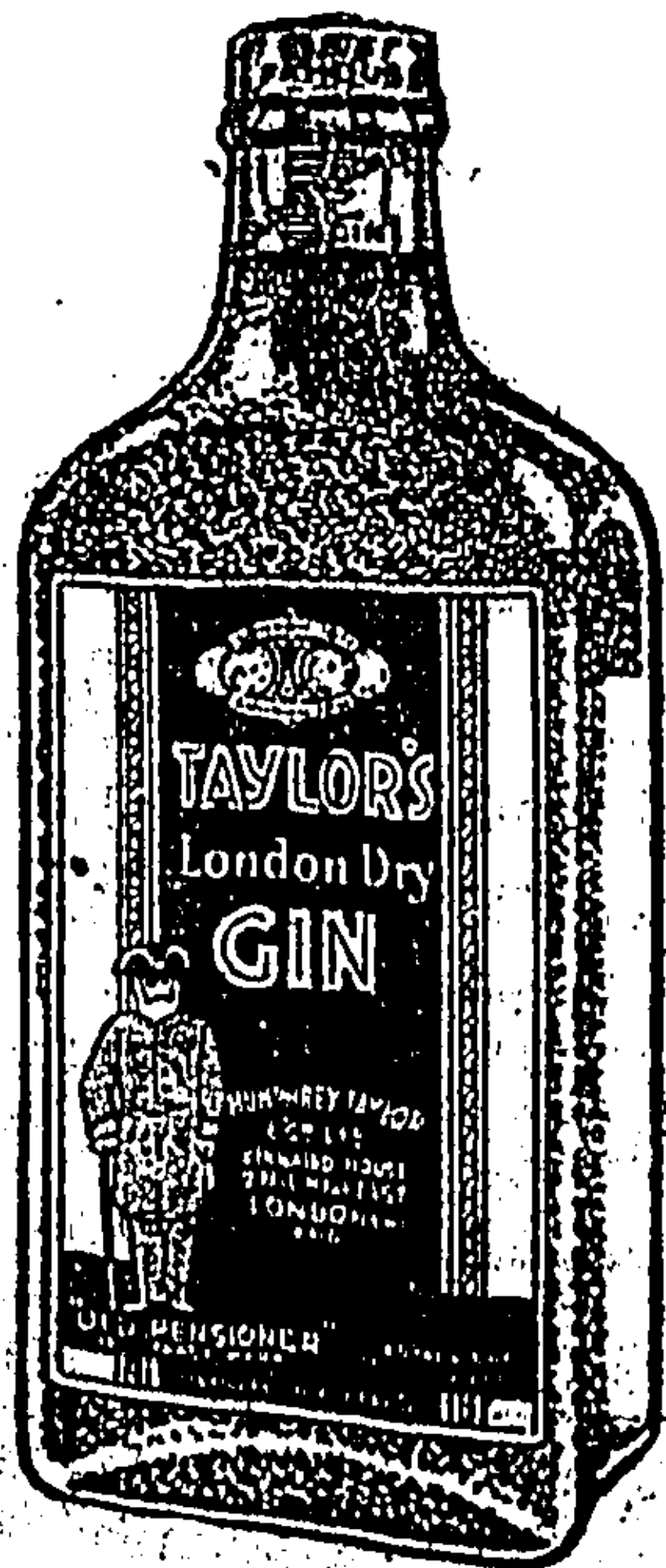
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AN ASIATIC SLANT ON THE RUSSIAN WAR

(By Edwin Haward, Adviser on Indian Affairs to the Far Eastern Bureau British Ministry of Information, and former Editor of the "North-China Daily News.")

IN INDIA A FORTNIGHT AGO, I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE QUICKENING OF INDIAN CONCERN IN THE WAR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE OUTBREAK IN IRAQ. ON ALL SIDES I HEARD THE COMMENT: "THE WAR IS INDEED BROUGHT CLOSER TO INDIA."

Since my return, the invasion of Russia by Germany has occurred. That, too, has come as a distinct shock to opinion in India — for remember, that means that a country now fighting on the side of Great Britain and India is actually one of India's neighbours.

If you look at map you will perceive that Russian and Indian boundaries are co-terminous in the lofty Pamir Plateau, the eastern end of the Hindu Kush forming a natural barrier. Just as the war cloud in Iraq stimulated activity in India, so the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Germany brings India into direct territorial contact with the present struggle. Its reactions further east moreover have a vital interest for India.

Of India's war effort it is sufficient to say that, despite the unhappy spectre of internal political controversy, linked with equally unhappy communal tension, India as a whole is unshakably determined to throw her resources of materials and man power fully into the defence of the Empire. Of that, magnificent earnest has been afforded in Africa where Indian troops have covered themselves with glory.

The other day in the "Straits Times," General Heath paid a striking tribute to the achievements of the Indian forces and their British comrades under his command in Abyssinia and Libya. To that story there is little to add, seeing the authority which it bore. The news columns of the press as well as the radio bulletins have been eloquent of late on this subject.

Sheer, Cold Courage

As you know, the Indian Army which is now fighting in Africa, Iraq and Syria and now prepared in India and Malaya to resist aggression, differs in one respect from the Indian Army of the last war. Since that war a new type of officer has entered the Indian Army. In recognition of the gallantry of Indian forces on so many fronts, in 1914-18 the King Emperor approved the grant of his commissions to Indians who at first were trained at Sandhurst and since 1932 have been trained at the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun.

The other day it was announced that one of these new products — a former Dehra Dun cadet, younger brother of an Indian King's Commissioned Officer, now serving in Malaya, had won the first Indian V.C. of this war by a deed of bravery which, as his Commanding Officer said, for sheer cold courage could not be beaten. That and other awards have afforded sterling proof that the reputation of India's fighting men for professional skill and indomitable valour, is being well maintained by the Indian Army of to-day.

Particularly noticeable in the cold official accounts of these exploits is the remarkable initiative displayed by Indian officers and men of all ranks.

Pride of India

Time and again, it is shown that the Subadar, Jamadar, the Nalik and even the doughty Sepoy have taken critical decisions on their own account and carried out those decisions with success and confident courage.

An army which can record such achievements is an army of which India can be justly proud. This pride should be the greater because with the mechanisation of units in modern warfare the basis of recruitment has been broadened, — and remember recruitment of the Indian Army is voluntary and always has been — thus bringing the people of India into even closer association

with the men who undertake the defence of their country.

In passing let me give you a glimpse of my own recent experience as I journeyed through India this month in the height of the hot weather. Two and a half days' railway journey from Calcutta to Simla gives you a very good idea of social relationships, for there is none of the stiffness and awkwardness of the atmosphere in an English railway carriage. At once passengers get down to tackling in concert the asperities of high temperatures, the ordeal of constant intrusions of dust, and the accumulations of luggage.

Excellent Relations

Whether the class be first, second, intermediate, or third, the comradeship is the same, so when I started from Calcutta by nearly missing the train and spending the first hour with some Englishmen in the wrong carriage, I managed very soon to get into conversation with them. On changing to my proper carriage where my derelict luggage had been deposited, I found myself accompanied by a young Indian Cavalry captain whose uncle was a very famous Indian politician, a rising young Indian official of a Government department, and a wealthy Calcutta businessman, from Rajputana. The readiness with which we managed to discuss the war, internal politics and air-raid possibilities and the lighter side of Indian life afforded me concrete proof of the excellence of the relations now existing between Indians and Englishmen.

Nor was this achieved by reluctance. The weaknesses and peculiarities of public and private individuals were discussed quite freely.

The Indian soldier, the symbol of the new dispensation, was as keen on his profession as any young officer of his type would be, and he showed himself also to be extraordinarily well-informed on world affairs.

The official was jealous of the reputation of his department and gave reasons for his conviction that it was rendering useful service. The merchant, besides controlling a great business, was doing public work as the commander of one of Calcutta's civic guards units. Incidentally, the other two twitted him with congratulations on the possibility that his semi-military activities might deprive him of the corporeal burden which in India often has to be carried by the man of wealth.

Industrial War Effort

The prowess of the Indian Army and the excellence of its training are not surprising for in one way or another, some part of the Army in India is always on active service. Between the Armistice of 1918 and the outbreak of the present war in September, 1939, only two Victoria Crosses were won. They both went to the Indian Army. Ishar Singh of the 28th Punjab in 1921 received the decoration for gallantry in Waziristan. About four or five years ago, a young subaltern named Meynell of the Guides, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery in operations further north on the frontier.

Supporting this Army in the field is the industrial war effort in which India is greatly speeding up her production of all kinds

of munitions and ancillary supplies required by the modern army. She is a member of the Eastern Group Supply Council in which her central position gives her special importance.

The three Dominions of New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa, are represented on this Council as well as India. It is presided over by Sir Archibald Carter as representative of the United Kingdom. Although formerly Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, he is no stranger to India. In earlier days he was the Secretary-general to the Indian Round Table Conference in London, and he toured India with the Simon Commission.

The Supply Department directing India's activities in response to the call of the Supply Council gives a great impetus to the development of Indian industries in wartime. In the long run, it will be found to have made a notable contribution to the permanent advancement of India, as one of the big industrial countries of the world.

This brief resume shows that India has solid reasons for standing on her defence. The achievements recorded are worth protection against the onslaught of the Nazi horde whose gangster leaders seek world dominance, with the object of suppressing all economic and social institutions which do not contribute directly and exclusively to their own insensate rapacity.

Russia has been compelled for the sake of her own independence to take up arms against the invader, and Russia knows full well that one of the motives behind this German aggression is the desire to spread out the tentacles of Nazism into the heart of Asia.

Not A New Story

To India that story is not new. In the last war, German influence was exceedingly strong in the Middle East while the Expeditionary Force from India was operating in what was then known as Mesopotamia. India's South Persian Cordon had to be thrown out to protect that force's right flank and to keep the line of communication clear with India.

Although the Mesopotamia campaign was directly launched against Turkey, it was well known that Germany had had an eye on the establishment of rail communications between Berlin and Baghdad and consequently she took an active interest in the Persian Gulf. The Kaiser's idea in other words was to draw off the traffic from the sea route to India as a useful additional benefit in securing German ascendancy at Istanbul and consequently German mastery over Asia Minor and the Middle East.

Now, I am not going to suggest that in making war on Russia, Herr Hitler has all this in mind. It is likely that he is looking to the more immediate objective of crushing England from the air to which his experience last year showed that the elimination of any threat from Russia is a condition precedent. Still, Hitler rules in Berlin as the Kaiser did and at his disposal are some of the Middle Eastern experts with whom we had to contend in the last war.

Not Negligible Factor

Russia is by no means negligible factor in the Middle East. Readers of Victorian novels will remember that the rising young politician in the House of Commons was usually depicted as having made good his claim to be the future Prime Minister by a formidable speech on Russian policy in Persia or even closer to India than that.

To-day, what was Persia, a next door neighbour of India, is Iran, governed by a forceful Shah who rose from the ranks in the Persian Army and eventually replaced the effete regime of which the last representative was the late Sultan Ahmed Shah. Reza Shah Pahlavi has overhauled the whole of the Iran administration and now there is a railway from the Caspian Sea to the Persian

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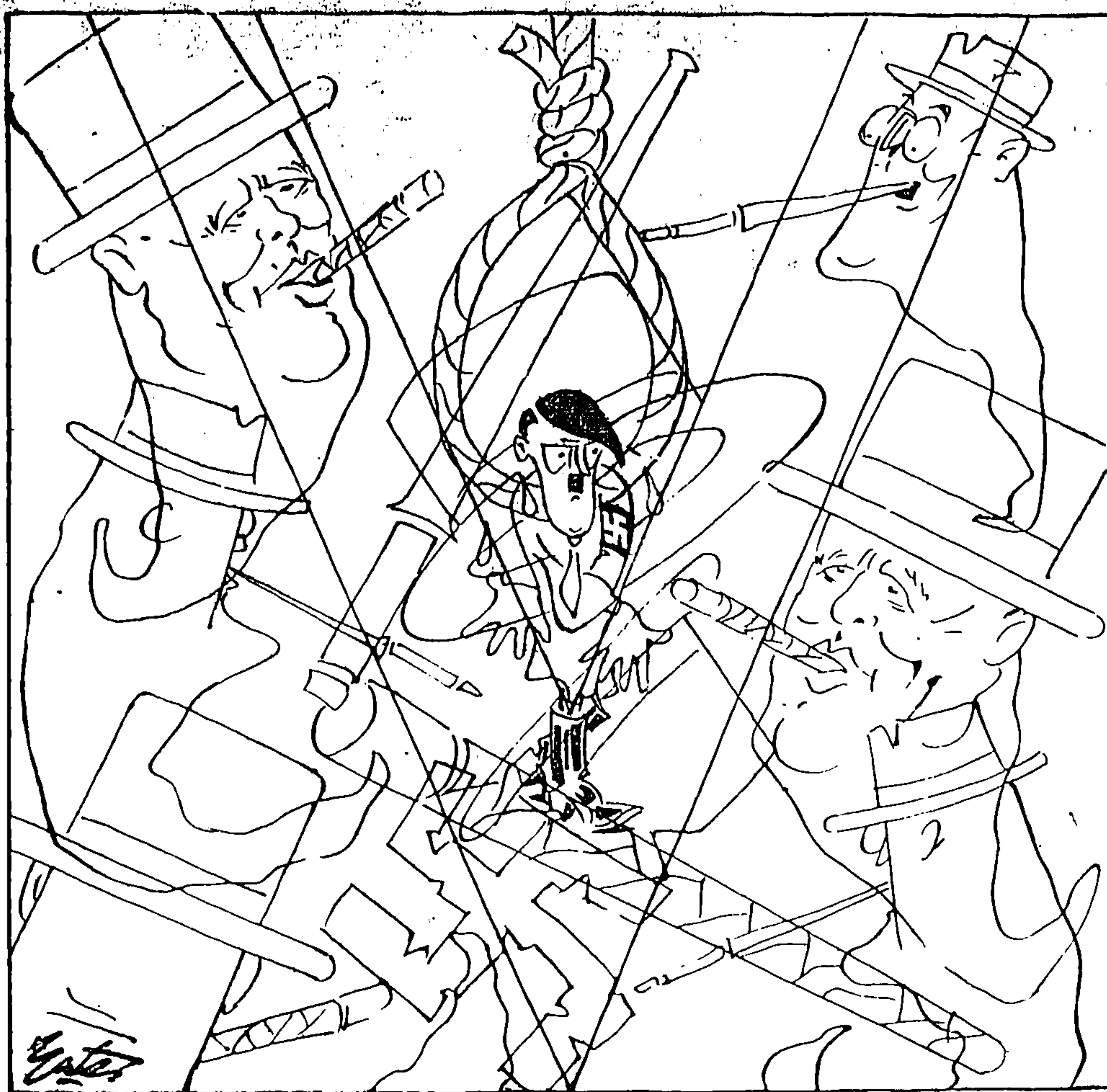
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THE SUPREME IMPERTINENCE

Since the Nazis have launched their "crusade" against Russia there has been an increasing tendency on the part of official and semi-official sources in Berlin to identify the Reich with Europe: "Europe will resent" this, that or the other act directed against Germany; "Europe" is fighting Communism, and so on. A Berlin spokesman, referring to the American occupation of Iceland, said: "President Roosevelt is attacking Europe." This cannot be dismissed as mere megalomania—it is all a part of the desperate German attempt to convey to the world at large the impression that Hitler has created a substantial new order and that whatever England may do, or the United States or, presumably, Russia, represents only the "periphery" of the Continent.

It would appear to be inconceivable that, after all that has passed in Europe in the last few years, any one could be taken in by this supreme impertinence. It would seem superfluous to recite again the stark fact about this new order, to point out that Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Rumania were added to the Hitlerian structure by armies of occupation and that Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis pact was confirmed in the same manner; that Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France, Greece and Yugoslavia fought bitterly to avoid incorporation into the Nazi system; that Britain and Russia are now battling to avoid the same stifling fate. What does that leave to Hitler? He has Mussolini, perforce, but what do the Italian people think of their allies? He may have Petain, Laval and Darlan—but who would suggest that he has the French people? He may have the sympathy of Franco—but Spain is not a member of the Axis group, the official organ of the "new Europe". Neither is Portugal, nor Switzerland, nor Sweden, nor Finland, although Finnish troops fight by the side of the Germans. The net remainder is a dubious Hungary and those makeshifts of Hitler policy, Croatia and Slovakia.

Yet some neutrals are prepared to refer to Europe as a unit, as a Nazi unit, which, through the tender and far-seeing ministrations of the Ger-



"BRENNER" NERVES.

Spain & Ireland

THE great world which depends upon the Spanish language would do well to particularise somewhat upon the story and character of Ireland. I remark in my travels that of all the ambiguities, confusions and misunderstandings which arise from the hopeless sub-division of Christendom to-day none are more subtle (and therefore more difficult to understand) than the problems arising from the character and history of Ireland. Of all lingual, racial and religious groups, all provinces into which the babel of our civilisation has fallen, not one is less understood or gives rise to more misinterpretation than the matter of Ireland.

There are many reasons for this. The most important reason by far is the violent contrast in religion and therefore in all the texture in Society between the

man Wehrmacht, is working out its own salvation. They ignore the patent fact that so long as men stand in arms against Hitler and the mechanised terror he represents the Nazi slave state is not a reality; that as soon as Hitler falls the degradation he has visited upon Europe will end. So long—but no longer. Should Britain fall and Russia fall, then the deluge will be upon all; and might will rule unchecked in Europe and in much of the vast colonial area that owes its allegiance and inspiration to Europe. Meanwhile, the Nazis have no greater right to assume the name of Europe than has a burglar, besieged by the police at the scene of his crime, to speak for the householders whom he has robbed.

Irish National tradition and the English. Another almost equally important factor of confusion in the foreigner's estimate of Ireland and all things Irish is the dispersion of the Irish people. They are the only people of our Western Christian culture which has been scattered at large and driven into exile. We are used to this phenomenon in the case of the Jews and in the small but highly interesting exceptional case of the gypsies. But we forget how characteristic it is of the Irish. The huge religious quarrel of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries in Britain led to the driving of Irish families overseas on such a scale that there has been nothing

By
Hilaire Belloc

like it in the story of any other Christian people and the Irish of to-day are a Diaspora. They are highly particular and individual and yet you cannot ascribe to them a local habitation. Even in the island of their origin they are divided into three sharply contrasted groups. The Ascendancy (what is left of it), the Orangemen and the Mass of the Traditional Nation. Of these three groups the National one is of course by far the greatest, yet it does not amount to two thirds of the population in Ireland itself. The relics of the Ascendancy group, (which means English-speaking Protestants, established as large land owners in the Catholic Mass of Ireland) their dependants and connections are small in number but still inherit the traditions of a ruling class opposed to the full national condition. The Orangemen are also Protestant but of a very different temper, strongly hostile, to their compatriots.

A third factor in the problem of Ireland is the strange story of Irish speech. Until well into the beginning of Modern Times, long after the Reformation, the old Celtic tongue was spoken everywhere, save where small Colonies had been planted by force near the ports under the Allegiance of the English Government. There was a moment, not so long ago, when it looked as though the future of Ireland was to be that of a country with quite another language from the English. The great change in this

did not come till the Nineteenth Century. It was in part the Nationalist Movement under Daniel O'Connell, but much more the great famine and the scattering of the race which left Ireland (without a national language of its own) and made the Irish people as a whole use the English tongue. When two populations of very different characters use the same language, you have a situation which breeds infinite misunderstanding in every detail of human life, and that is the lingual situation of the Irish people to-day. Not only in their own country, but throughout the world. They are English speaking, all but a small remnant who still use the ancestral language in the extreme North-west of the island. Every effort has been made to restore the National language to daily use, but custom has proved too strong. It has not yet been established and probably never will be.

I for my part should maintain that no foreigner can fully understand the modern English-speaking world until he has mastered the main elements of the Irish problem; and of all foreigners those of the Iberian peninsula and its great Colonies beyond the oceans are best fitted for understanding the meaning and tradition of Ireland. There is religious communion to help the understanding and there is a still remaining, though rapidly failing, historical memory of the days when the Island of Ireland was conceived as facing the Northern coast of Spain. Under the prevailing South-westerly winds the natural run of a sailing ship from the Portuguese and North Spanish coasts towards the British Isles made rather for Ireland than for Great Britain. Of all that connection by sea Mrs. Green, the widow of the historian, has written most thoroughly and her work should always be consulted by anyone who desires to understand how the main Irish ports arose, why, by the end of the Eighteenth Century the Irish nation's shipping was so very large and how under later conditions of the Nineteenth Century all these Irish advantages decayed. I do not know whether there is any volume of Spanish literature dealing with Irish matters; if there is not a sufficient volume of such books, it is high time they were written, for one may fairly prophesy that the near future of Western Europe will be filled with expansion influence at least and probably the wealth of the Iberian culture and one of the best avenues for introducing that culture to the North is by way of Ireland.

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"Six months and two weeks, Sir."

"And are you going to stick to it?"

"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go into reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."

"And then come back and manage an hotel?"

"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

"I see. Well, my lad, if you want to succeed in life, just take a hint from me. When a guest asks for a Gimlet make sure that he gets what he asks for. Rose's Lime Juice is the pure, juice of the lime. This ersatz concoction is nothing of the sort."

"I'm terribly sorry, Sir. Owing to some oversight on the part of the management..."

"Boy, remember George Washington. Now get me some Rose's Lime Juice, and don't come back if you've got it. And here's a florin for your trouble."

Importance Of New War To India

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Gulf, 372 miles long — built in eleven years.

The other neighbour of India on the North-West frontier is Afghanistan, a rugged pastoral country with a population of ten million. Before and during the Great War, Afghanistan was ruled by an Amir. Few Amirs in Afghanistan's history have died a peaceful death. The Amir who was on the throne at Kabul in 1914 was Habibullah. Despite German blandishments he managed to maintain neutrality and friendship with Great Britain, but he had to contend with a strong pro-German party.

Pro-German Assassinations

Just after the war, Habibullah was assassinated by these pro-Germans — the price of his staunch loyalty to his pledged word. His younger son, Amanullah, came to the throne. He took the title of King, and endeavoured to reform the social customs of his people, in defiance of ecclesiastical influence. A water carrier named Bachcha-i-Saqao raised the standard of revolt and Amanullah had to flee. He and his consort are now in Italy.

The new ruler, reverting to the old style, called himself Amir Habibullah. He was of the bandit type and could not last. Nadir Khan, the former Commander-in-Chief and ablest Afghan of his day, returned to India from Europe, collecting round him a well-disciplined force. He ejected the ex-water carrier and hanged him and about 60 of his followers outside the walls of Kabul.

Nadir Khan took the title of Nadir Shah or King Nadir. He proved to be a good administrator. He managed to reform the government without offending religious susceptibilities. He was assisted by an interest free loan from Great Britain. He showed considerable friendliness towards Great Britain and India, especially in cooperating in the control of the independent tribesmen on his side of the border. Unhappily, he was murdered by a student at a prize-giving at the German organised school in Kabul—perhaps a significant spot for such a crime.

Interest In Iraq

That was in 1933. Since then, his young son the present King Zahir has sat on the throne. His government is conducted by his two able uncles who are Prime Minister and War Minister respectively.

Afghanistan's interest in Iraq is considerable, because many of the most important religious leaders in Afghanistan are of Iraqi origin. Some of them belong to the Geilani family to which the now expelled usurper Rashid Ali claims to be a cadet. Rashid Ali, however, abused his position as minister by improper use of religious Endowment Funds. This is counted against him in Iraq and elsewhere.

Communications in Afghanistan are poor. The chief routes to India pass from Kabul to Peshawar and the road from Kandahar to Chaman.

Afghanistan is an adherent of the four-power non-aggression Pact, of 1937. Her co-signatories to that document are: Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

Comprising the greater part of the Arabian peninsula—Saudi Arabia in treaty relationship with Iraq, Egypt and Trans-Jordan—under Ibn Saud, is an Arab Kingdom now including the Hedjaz as well as Ibn Saud's original sultanate of Nejd. King Ibn Saud is the most forceful personality in the Arab world. Friendly to Great Britain, he refused to give his countenance to the rebellion in Iraq.

Importance Of India

This background of the countries lying between Syria and the North-West Frontier of India south of Soviet Russian territory, shows how important to India is this new turn of the war with Germany. If, by any chance, the Germans could penetrate to the Middle East—our action in Iraq and Syria has been a timely stroke to offset such an event—vigilance of India would have to be redoubled.

Iran has formally declared her neutrality with specific relevance to this new phase of the struggle. The declaration is significant, for Russian and

Iranian relationships have a long history. As a hostile neighbour, Iran would be a distinct embarrassment not only for Soviet Russia, but also for India.

Afghanistan's friendship is an important asset to India. Many Afghans — among them the most virile and warlike — are Pathans, allied in blood and religion to the clansman in the independent tribal territory which lies between India's administrative border and the demarcated frontier between India and Afghanistan, known as the Durand Line.

Southern Bastion

In that tribal territory are 500,000 fighting men, over half of whom are armed with modern rifles. They are under the lightly exercised suzerainty of the Government of India. They owe allegiance to no common chief, split up as they are into clans, linked by a common religion and kinship. Fighting is their secondary occupation. They are very susceptible to the influence of storms without and within India. Enemy propaganda has been active on India's Frontier. You probably have seen that it has given a new lease of life to the firebrand Faqir of Ipi, the fanatical will-o-the-wisp of the Frontier to-day. But watch and ward in those turbulent hills is being firmly kept by the Army in India. Baluchistan has increased its defences. The Afghan Government's correct attitude is appreciated. In Kabul the British Minister is Sir William Fraser Tytler. He is no stranger to Afghanistan. An experienced officer of the Indian Political Department he has served on the frontier for eight years as a soldier.

So you see this new phase of the war brings into even more vivid relief than ever the astonishingly extensive part which India is playing in the defence of Empire communications and of her vast domains. You might almost say that, supported by British sea power and the R.A.F., India's army now mans the southern bastion of defence against enemy attacks on Asia. From Libya, Abyssinia, Eritrea, Somaliland, to Syria, Iraq, and then, with a leap, from the outer marches of Baluchistan to Burma and Malaya, Indian soldiers are on guard, quelling themselves right well as the stirring records clearly show. They demonstrate the value of Indian cooperation to the Empire, and the strength and prestige which India derives as a notable partner in the Empire's fight for civilisation.

GAYDA DROPS A HINT TO JAPAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

American war supplies for Russia via Vladivostok "bring the European war into the Japanese sphere," Virginio Gayda, Mussolini's spokesman, declared in an editorial yesterday.

"Russia has aggressive designs against Japan in collusion with Chungking in alliance with Anglo-Saxons," Gayda declared. — International News Service.

TRIBESMEN IMPRESSED

Russia's tenacious resistance to the Nazi invaders has made a deep impression among the tribesmen along the North-West Frontier, it is learned in Peshawar.

The tribesmen, although frankly unfriendly towards Bolshevik principles, fully recognise the significance of the Russo-German war.

It is generally held that Muslim countries are next on Hitler's list after Russia. The excuse made by the German propagandists that Germany did not intervene in Iraq out of regard for Muslim lives and property is contradicted by the raids on Damascus and other Holy Places, and now the almost daily raids on the civil population in the Suez Canal. — Reuters.

"CRACK" DIVISION ANNIHILATED

A RUSSIAN communique early yesterday afternoon in no way substantiates recent German claims of important advance particularly in the Ukrainian sector.

A section of the communique underlines the importance of the guerilla warfare which the Russians are conducting behind the battle front from Finland to the Black Sea.

"A guerilla group," it is stated, "formed by workers from a Lwow factory have killed more than 200 Germans during the past few days. They have also destroyed eight tanks, 25 motorcars and 12 light tanks."

The communique further announces the destruction of one of Germany's crack regiments. It states:

"In the Finnish sector our troops destroyed the 307th German Infantry Regiment, which is considered by the German military authorities to be one of their best infantry units."

"This regiment had only recently been brought up to the front. Their first attack after four hours of artillery preparation was smashed by Russian artillery and machine-guns."

"A second attack supported by two Finnish battalions was also repulsed, our units then counter-attacked and surrounded the German regiment. Several officers who attempted to swim a lake were drowned."

Many soldiers who deserted to the Red Army appealed to their comrades of the 163rd German Division to surrender."

The magnitude of the recent operations can be gauged from a Moscow agency message stating 1105 awards for bravery have been made. Decorations include three for women while three men have been awarded the title "Hero of the Soviet Union."

First of the latter is Captain Batlov, who led a battalion which had been encircled through impassable swamps and repeatedly attacked the enemy from the rear.

Second is Lieutenant Kamershchikov, who single handed brought down four enemy planes and four more in cooperation with his comrades.

The third is Junior Lieutenant Ridny, who destroyed five enemy planes single-handed and four more with the help of comrades. His plane was pierced by twenty bullets but is still in service. — British Wireless.

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NAZIS DREAD BOMBINGS BY BRITAIN

ON MARCH 12, THE NIGHT THE BRITISH BOMBED BERLIN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SPRING, I WAS IN THE DEUTSCHER AUSLAND CLUB, WHICH MEANS GERMAN FOREIGN CLUB AND IS THE PLACE WHERE DR. GOEBBELS' PROPAGANDA MINISTRY LETS THE FOREIGN PRESS BUY ITS DRINKS AND ABSORB THE HEAT FOR THE NOMINAL DUES OF 20 MARKS A MONTH, WRITES CARL B. WALL, IN "P.M."

The club is in a four or five-storey building in the Leipziger Platz in the heart of Berlin. To get there from the Hotel Adlon, you take the subway which runs under the Hermann Goering Strasse and get off at Potsdamer Platz which is only one station away.

As you come out of the brightly lighted subway into the blackout you have to stand still for a few seconds until your eyes get accustomed to the blackness. For even after dark, trolley and bus traffic is quite heavy in Potsdamer Platz and their dim, bluish lights have a way of bearing down on you suddenly like speed boats coming out of the fog.

The Foreign Club

I have never seen the outside of the Foreign Club except in the blackout, so I can't tell whether it is brick or stone or new or very old. In the darkness, it seems to be part of one great building which stretches for about 100 yards around the semi-circle of the Leipziger Platz.

On the night of the bombing I had had a late dinner and had gone up to the bar for a drink about 10.45. There was some kind of a party going on that night. I never did find out, but I think it was being given by one of the big shots of the Propaganda Ministry. There were two soldiers in the room. One of them was a lieutenant in a panzer division. The other was a private, who was playing an accordion.

Nothing To Be Proud Of

After a while I got talking to the lieutenant, who told me he had been in the Holland campaign the spring before. He didn't seem particularly proud of it, and he didn't talk a great deal about it.

"I remember the way the ponies looked in Holland," he said. "We were rolling along the roads in the early morning, and it didn't seem to me that there could be any war at all. It was just like riding through miles and miles of poppy gardens."

The lieutenant had brought some phonograph records to the party with him. One of them was "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line." He had Charlie play it over and over again on the machine back of the bar. He thought it was very funny. So did Charlie.

I think they must have played that record at least 15 times when Jack Fleischer of the United Press came in.

"There's an air-raid alarm outside," he said to me. "Don't say anything to the bartender or he won't give us another drink."

Fleischer had been through the air raids of last fall and winter but I hadn't. This was my first. I had a curious, tight feeling in my stomach and my heart began to pound harder. I looked at the clock behind the bar. It was 11.35. The phonograph was still grinding out "We're Going to Hang Our Washing on the Siegfried Line."

Like everyone else in Berlin, I had been waiting for the British to come. It was now March 12 and they hadn't bombed Berlin since the night of Dec. 19. Everyone was expecting hell. Revenge for London. The new American bombers.

"Smell The Fear"

For the last week, during the first, clear nights of the new moon you could smell the fear. Long before midnight the streets were empty. There were only a few stragglers in the subways.

You could hear passing phrases as people hurried past you in the blackout. The British... They're coming tonight... or to-morrow... the wind it is clear. You kept hearing things like that in the streets, in restaurants, in theatre, and you knew that the people of Berlin were in mortal fear of "der bomben."

I had been waiting, too. I was curious to find out whether I could take it. The first thing I did when Fleischer said there was an alarm was to go to the men's washroom and throw cold water on my face. I don't know why I did that.

When I got back to the bar the man from the cloakroom was there. He was telling everyone that there was an air raid on. He said the sirens in the streets had been going for the last 15 or 20 minutes. He had just finished speaking when we heard the first of the guns. They sounded dull and a long way off.

"There is an air-raid shelter in the basement," said the man from the cloakroom. "Everyone had better go down there." "It's no good. We might just as well stay up here. If we're going to get hit we might just as well get hit on the top floor as on the bottom."

Listening To The Report

Freda, the waitress, began bringing out large candelabras and putting them on the tables. This was in case the power plant was hit and the lights went out. The phonograph had stopped and the room was quiet now. We were all listening to the guns. They sounded like thunder, moving closer and closer. The sound came in waves with perhaps 30-second intervals of silence, and someone told me that the bombers were passing over the outer ring of anti-aircraft defence to the west.

Someone else said they were probably headed right for us. He pointed out that we were in a great place to get it and that we were centrally situated for a good blitz. Two railway stations, the Potsdamer Bahnhof and the Anhalter Bahnhof were only a few blocks away. And we were practically next door to Hitler's Reich Palace, Ribbentrop's Chancellery and Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. He wasn't just talking, either.

The firing became more intense. As it did, I had a curious surge of happiness—that's the only word I can think of. I was happy because I had been afraid so long that I would be afraid, and now I wasn't. I mention this only because I think it is probably the normal reaction of the average person to air raids.

Full Moon

I was curious now. I wanted to see what was going on. With some of the others I left the bar and went into a darkened room on the same floor. There was a large window there which looked out over the city toward the west and Brandenburg Tor.

The light of the full moon seemed to pale even the powerful searchlights which criss-crossed the skies. I saw the lights pick up the British planes several times that night. I had always thought the bombers were paint-

BRUM. RESISTS ATTACK

Big-scale civil defence exercises, in which the Home Guard, military and civil defence services cooperated, were carried out over a wide area of Birmingham and the Black Country during the week-end.

The attacking forces were regular troops, while Birmingham was defended by its Home Guards and a force of relief troops composed of British, Free French, Dutch and Czechoslovak regulars.

It was assumed the enemy force of two divisions and two panzer regiments were attacking Birmingham from the south-west and to help the invasion paratroops were dropped on the south and north sides of the city in the early hours yesterday.

The Home Guard severely harassed the enemy and when relief troops came to the assistance a good deal of ground which had been lost was retaken.

Parachute troops proved very effective in holding up reinforcements long enough to allow the main column of invaders to advance to the city centre.

One of the city's main railway stations was taken by the invaders and held until the arrival of relieving forces.

At the close of the exercise General Sir R. G. Finlayson, G. O. C. Western Command, who was in charge of the exercise, expressed satisfaction. "The exercise," he said, "has taught us particularly the value of liaison between military and civil services."—British Wireless.

ed black or gray as protection against the searching lights, but that night their silver bodies seemed to glint like fireflies high above the earth. I saw as many as six of them caught in the lights at a time. The white puffs of the anti-aircraft burst within what seemed inches of their tails. It seemed incredible that they could keep going but they did. That night, I didn't see a single plane hit. In fact, during the three raids I watched over Berlin, I never did see a British plane fall, although the next day the Germans always said they had hit at least seven or eight.

None Shot Down

I talked to other American correspondents about that. They said that last fall, when the English were bombing Berlin steadily for 40 nights—night after night—they had seen as many as eight or ten planes brought down during a single raid. But not one of them saw a British bomber hit in the raids this spring.

A German acquaintance of mine, who has a friend on one of the anti-aircraft crews, said the fire has been consistently slow—always behind the attacking planes. The only explanation for that, he said, was that the British must be using faster bombers than they were last fall and that it's the difference between firing at pheasants and wild ducks.

The raid that night lasted for six hours, until 5.30 in the morning. While I watched, I saw several fires flare up against the sky to the west. Later, I tried to poke around the city and see what damage had been done. But it was impossible to get near the bombed area. Street cars and taxis were rerouted. Police barred the way. I do believe, however, that heavy damage was done that night to factories and railways yards to the west of the city. The bombing was concentrated in that area. They kept it up for hour after hour and they started a lot of fires. I saw that with my own eyes.



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BRIDGE SWINDLES NO. 51

By The Four Aces

No straightforward line of play would have allowed South to make his contract, but he found a way to make it by means of a swindle:

South, Dealer East-West vulnerable

NORTH ♠ A J 7 2 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 8 7 3 2 WEST ♠ 6 ♥ K J 8 7 4 ♦ A 8 7 3 ♣ J 10 9 EAST ♠ 8 3 ♥ A Q 5 2 ♦ K 6 5 2 ♣ K 6 5 SOUTH ♠ K Q 10 9 6 4 ♥ 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

South West North East 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass Pass Pass Pass

West thought for a while and couldn't think of a better lead than the Jack of clubs.

Then the dummy went down and South thought briefly. Since it was South's custom to study the dummy before playing to the first trick even when the first play was obvious, he could safely think up a trick play without giving himself away.

Obviously, some bit of hocus-pocus was necessary for the success of the contract. A heart, two diamonds, and a club were sure losers. Of course, if the opponents would obligingly refrain from taking their heart trick while South tried to set up dummy's fourth low club, there might be a chance for the hand. And then South saw the light!

He played a low club from the dummy, East played the King, and South played his low club! East naturally thought his partner had the Ace of clubs; and, not having any good reason to shift to another suit, East returned another club. That was just what South had hoped for.

He won with the club Ace, drew two rounds of trumps, and cashed the club Queen, noting with elation that every adverse club had been drawn. Then he entered dummy with a trump to discard his losing heart on dummy's eight of clubs.

Note that this line of play amounted to the same thing as winning the club Ace and Queen and giving up the third trick in the suit. The difference was that losing the first trick concealed the true state of affairs from the defenders.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3 ♥ A Q 7 3 2 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ 6 5

The bidding: Schenken You Maier Jacoby 1♠ Pass 1NT 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner would raise hearts if he held reasonable support for the suit, so there is little point in rebidding your suit. Your partner's bid is a strong one, and you must encourage his game hopes by making a bid which shows your own strength.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for three hearts, 20% for pass.

Question No. 791

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken You Maier Jacoby 1♠ Pass 1NT 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.) (Releasing by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

MAYOR DIES IN RAID

The Mayor of Westminster, Councillor L. Eaton Smith, a deputy chief warden, was killed in a night raid on London.

GIGANTIC NAZI LOSSES IN RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The N.B.C. in New York yesterday picked up a German broadcast stating that Junkers transports ferried 281,000 wounded from the central Russian front.

This is considered to indicate the giant proportions of Nazi wounded since only a small percentage are brought by plane instead of by land. — International News Service.

R.A.F. SWEEP NORTH FRANCE

An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communique issued last night.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Blenheim bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast on Sunday morning."

"A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort. Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing."

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered." — Reuter.

AIRCRAFT-CARRIER OFF AMOY

A Japanese aircraft-carrier has arrived off Amoy.

Yesterday five planes from the aircraft-carrier attacked Changchow, dropping several bombs. Later they came to Yungan and dropped six bombs in the southern suburbs, causing about 10 casualties and wrecking several houses.

One of the raiders was hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the hills at an undisclosed place. — Central News.

NAZIS PREPARE ACTION

The Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1. — Reuter.

HAD BOILS ON FACE AND NECK

How She Cleared Them Away

"My daughter had dreadful boils on her face and neck," states Mrs. E. Schaffer, 133, Fry Street, Graston, N.S.W. "They were also on her legs and back and were very painful. She had these boils for about 18 months and used ointments and hot fomentations without success."

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BALANCE SHEET IN THE AIR

The Axis powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in western Europe and the Middle East during last week.

Indications of the intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with the slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses over Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain.

In daylight sweeps across the Channel 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

Britain lost only one machine in the Middle East, where 10 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes. — Reuter.

German Plot In Chile

IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN SANTIAGO YESTERDAY THAT A NAZI PLOT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN SOUTHERN CHILE.

Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Frutillas, Llanquihue, Puerto Mont and Puerto Varas. The arrests followed house searches.

A quantity of propaganda matter has been seized. The Chilean Minister of Interior is to make a statement. — Reuter.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Hot Weather Blues

Summertime is opportune for any woman to go on a scientific elimination diet, providing her daily tasks are not too arduous.

One must always eat enough food to supply sufficient energy to cope with one's daily schedule, but the majority of women eat the wrong menus. Food can be packed with vitamin energy and still appear to be rather unimportant as for instance, a cocktail of mixed fresh vegetable juice provides more energy than an ordinary counter sandwich.

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The Diet

One hour before breakfast drink two glasses of water and then go through your exercise schedule.

Breakfast: Two whole, juicy oranges; eat thin white skin. One pear with skin. Black coffee; one glass of water. Eleven o'clock: Two whole oranges; one glass of water.

One o'clock: One bowl of clear vegetable soup (no meat stock). One slice tomato with skin, one whole fleshy carrot with skin. Two whole oranges; one glass of water.

Three o'clock: One large glass of tomato juice (no seasoning). Two whole oranges; one apple with skin; one glass of water.

Six o'clock: One cup of clear vegetable soup; one whole grape-fruit on one half head of lettuce with mineral-oil dressing made with lemon juice; six stalks of celery (eat leaves too); one tomato; one orange; glass of water.

Bedtime: One whole orange, one



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cup of hot water with juice of one-half lemon.

One is cautioned to eat everything the diet contains every day for one week. No other snacks or drinks are allowed! When the

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Your doctor will tell you that there are enough calories (and vitamins) in this elimination diet to allow you to carry on with your normal duties. However, it is best to discuss it with him before eating it for seven days, particularly if you have not been well.

Its Purpose

This diet is not for reducing. Stout and thin women alike may follow it. Its sole purpose is to eliminate body poisons and to recreate fresh new beauty of body. Help it along by exercising regularly and not cheating the least bit!



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OBVIOUS JAPANESE GAME

An obvious Japanese manoeuvre lies behind the recent Thai credit to Japan amounting to 10,000,000 baht or £900,000, according to British financial circles in London.

Tokyo, in concluding the agreement with Thailand, these circles observe, had three aims; first, to wrench Thai currency away from Sterling and absorb it in the Yen Bloc; second, to utilise the credit to get round the British and American economic embargo and the freezing of Japanese assets, and third, to use Thai economic submission as a lever towards completion of political subjugation.

The whole arrangement has been thinly disguised. Technically, in order to finance Thai exports to Japan, a credit was given by a Thai private banking firm to a Japanese private banking firm, namely, the Thai Commercial Bank to the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Actually, it is well-known that the former is a Government controlled bank which finances Thailand's most important domestic and foreign trade, while the latter is the financial agent of the Japanese Government for foreign transactions.

Sterling Peg

The reason Tokyo urgently needs Thai credit is that she insists on continued purchases of rice, tin and rubber from Thailand. Thai currency has been on a gold basis and pegged to Sterling for nine years. Consequently, all Thailand's foreign trade has been effected in Sterling. The recent freezing of Japanese Sterling assets paralysed the finance mechanism of Thai-Japanese trade. Hence a new apparatus had to be devised to enable Japan to continue her trade with Thailand.

Under existing circumstances, it is considered unlikely that Japan will be able to pay in gold or exports to Thailand as a liability against Thailand's currency reserves.—Central News.

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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
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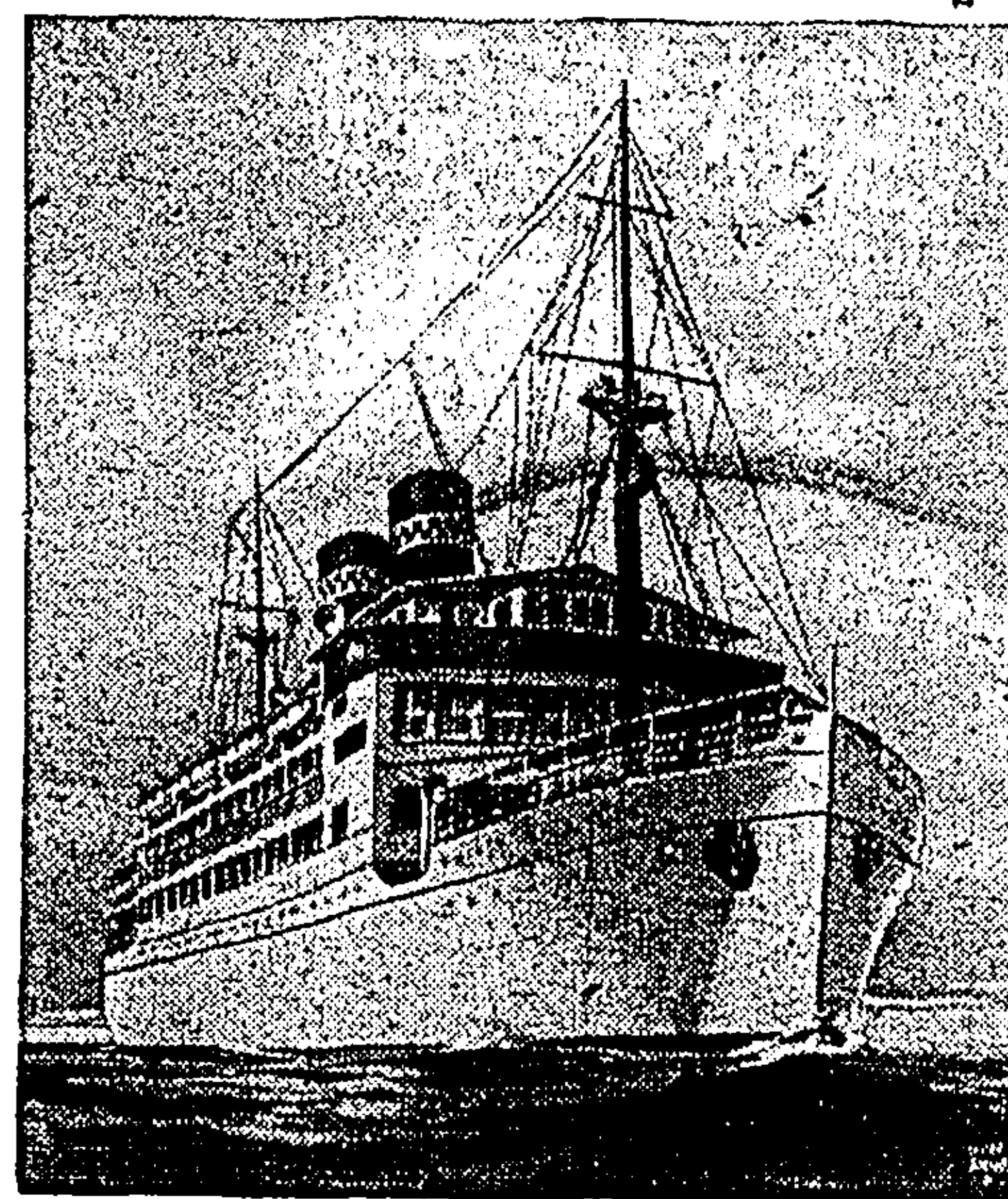
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MILITARY TREATY REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The N.B.C. in New York has picked up a Tokyo broadcast claiming that the German-Vichy negotiations are for "an active military alliance between the two countries to fight Bolshevism and defend the economic unity of Europe."—International News Service.



JUDGE EXONERATES CAMP BUILDERS

THE REPORT has been issued of the inquiry by Mr. Justice Simonds into the allegations of corruption and wasteful costs in construction of militia camps.

The judge states that he has formed "the clear opinion that it is not necessary that any further action should be taken in respect of any of the 'allegations of a very serious character against contractors, surveyors and others in official positions' which I have investigated."

CHAOS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Food supplies in Czechoslovakia are becoming steadily worse, according to well-informed foreign circles in Jerusalem who state that even the regular civil rations are frequently unobtainable.

In Bratislava the position is so bad that angry housewives daily cause disturbances in front of the supply office. Over 800 people have been imprisoned in Slovakia in the last four weeks on the charge of being Communists but actually only a few are Communists, the majority being faithful supporters of the Czechoslovak Republic.

Goods traffic decreased by over three-quarters during June owing to sabotage.

A decree has been published in Belgrade introducing compulsory labour for all between the ages of 17 and 45, because German attempts to persuade Serbian peasant workers to go to work in Germany on the promise that they will be well fed and well paid met with no success. — Reuter.

CHINESE IN PERU

Overseas Chinese in Peru who have left the country are allowed to return there provided that they are armed with a "Ficha de Reingreso" (re-entry permit), according to the Peruvian Consulate-General in Hong Kong.

The "Ficha de Reingreso" is usually for one year but the local Peruvian Consul-General is empowered to extend it by a year. Those without these papers are, however, not permitted to re-enter Peru.

An agreement in this regard, it is learned, was reached between the Chinese Minister to Peru and the Peruvian Minister for Foreign Affairs on April 8, 1940. No new Chinese emigrants are now allowed to enter that country. — Central News.

ECONOMIC ADVISER FOR H.K.

MR. C. ROGERS HAS BEEN APPOINTED ECONOMIC ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY ARISING FROM THE FREEZING OF JAPANESE AND CHINESE ASSETS AND THE INCLUSION OF HONG KONG IN THE STERLING AREA.

Mr. Hall-Patch, British Financial Commissioner in the Far East, has proceeded to Chungking to act as temporary British member of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund.

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"EARLIEST WITH THE LATEST"

U.S. CRUISERS LEAVE BRISBANE

The two heavy United States cruisers, "Northampton" and "Salt Lake City," which arrived in Brisbane unexpectedly last Tuesday on a training cruise, sailed yesterday.

Their destination is not disclosed. — Reuter.

DOOMED BEFORE ITS BIRTH

The Nazi peace offensive due to start in America to-day is doomed before it is born, said Quentin Reynolds, the American newspaperman, broadcasting from London last night.

Orders had been given to continental newspapers to publish speeches by American "isolationists."

Addressing Hitler throughout as "Mr. Schicklgruber—a name which was yours until you changed it before the last war"—Mr. Reynolds said Britain knew all about the new peace offensive. It had died before it was born.

"Publicity by Goebbels' agents was arranged to begin on Monday. They will say now the new order has been established there is peace in continental Europe and American interference or aid would result in civil war in countries which are now happy under German protection."

"If America persists in helping Britain it will mean chaos on the Continent."

"In countries in which you hold temporary sway there is not peace but paralysis," Mr. Reynolds declared. — Reuter.

STOLE TARGETS

For the theft of four targets from the target hut, Taikeo Range, Lau Cheun, 28, unemployed boiler maker, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Kin'ock said the targets belonged to Royal Naval Dockyard and the Police Department.

Accused had two previous convictions for larceny.

U.S. TO RATION STEEL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") United States steel will be placed under full rationing, effective from September 1, in all forms.

The Director of the Office of Production Management has estimated a shortage of 10 million tons if all needs are to be met by the end of 1941. — International News Service.

MORE LINDBERGH ISOLATIONISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Col. Lindbergh, speaking in Cleveland yesterday, warned the United States that she was being carried to the verge of war "in spite of the opposition of the majority of the people." — International News Service.

RUSSIAN WOMAN FINED

A Russian woman, Nalda Alsenova-Gracie, 34, who was charged with keeping a brothel on the ground floor of No. 23, Lock Road, was fined \$150 or two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

JAPANESE TROOPS REPLACED

LARGE NUMBERS OF JAPANESE TROOPS IN CENTRAL CHINA HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MANCHURIA RECENTLY AND PUPPET TROOPS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO TAKE UP GARRISON DUTIES IN PLACES WHERE THE JAPANESE HAVE EVACUATED, ACCORDING TO A SHANGHAI DISPATCH.

Organisation and training of more puppet troops has been intensified.

Recently while embarking on Japanese ships for Tsin-tao for training, many of the 2,000 puppet troops under the command of Tao Shih-sheng tried to escape. Several deserters were shot dead by Japanese troops on guard. — Central News.

FAKIR OF IPI LOSING FACE

THE FAKIR OF IPI, NOTORIOUS TROUBLE-MAKER ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT KHARRE, NEAR THE DURAND LINE, AND TO HAVE MOVED SOUTHWARDS ABOUT 20 MILES NORTH-WEST OF RAZMAK.

Discontent among his followers is said to be increasing. His inability to provide supplies and ammunition is apparently having a bad effect on his prestige.

The failure of the Germans to carry out their forecasts of an early and decisive victory against Russia is being realised among the tribes, according to reports reaching Simla, and Germany's claims to invincibility are being ridiculed by them. — Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 95½ b.
3½% Loan (1934) 94½ b.
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BANKS
Hong Kong Bank X.D. \$1330 b. \$1345 sa.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$225 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks \$15.55 b.
Providents \$5.80 b.
LANDS, HOTEL & BLDGS.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$3.20 b.
Chinese Estates \$101 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways X.D. \$16.00 b. \$16.90 sa.
China Lights (O'd) \$5.95 sa.
H.K. Electric (New) \$21 b.
H.K. Electric Rights \$10.90 sa.
Macao Electric \$18½ b. \$18.60 s.

INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$14½ b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
10 H.K. Banks @ \$1345
500 Lights (Old) @ \$5.95
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A British Empire cricket team beat London Counties by 67 runs in a one-day match between pioneer clubs of wartime cricket on Saturday. British Empire scored 187, and London Counties 120. — Reuter.

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	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	12	12	0	0	306	181	125	0	24
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	12	11	0	1	316	190	126	0	22
C. S. Rossetti (C.C.C.)	11	9	0	2	281	162	119	0	18
J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	12	8	1	3	270	226	44	0	17
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C. "A")	13	8	0	5	269	218	41	0	16
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	12	8	0	4	269	222	37	0	16
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	12	8	0	4	248	222	26	0	16
R. F. Luz (Rec. "A")	13	8	0	5	289	232	57	0	16
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C. "A")	13	7	1	5	267	221	46	0	15
F. X. Silva (Rec. "A")	11	6	2	3	224	202	22	0	14
A. P. Gutierrez (Rec. "B")	12	7	0	5	233	226	7	0	14
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	12	6	0	6	238	207	31	0	12
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	12	6	0	6	250	253	0	3	12
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C. "B")	10	5	1	4	212	208	4	0	11
H. A. Alves (Recrelo "A")	5	5	0	0	134	71	63	0	10
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	9	5	0	4	169	177	0	8	10
T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)	13	5	0	8	243	284	0	41	10
A. M. Calman (K.D.R.C.)	5	4	0	1	117	91	26	0	8
J. McKelvie (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	4	0	5	161	157	4	0	8
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	10	4	0	6	184	198	0	14	8
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	11	4	0	7	202	222	0	20	8
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	13	4	0	9	220	299	0	79	8
J. F. V. Ribeiro (Recrelo "A")	3	3	0	0	82	42	40	0	6
N. J. Bebbington (K.C.C.)	6	2	2	2	117	107	10	0	6
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	6	3	0	3	110	104	6	0	6
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	6	2	2	2	113	131	0	18	6
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	3	0	6	157	202	0	45	6
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	6	2	1	3	116	112	4	0	5
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	11	2	1	8	187	246	0	59	5
P. A. Peckham (K.B.G.C. "B")	4	2	0	2	67	70	0	3	4
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	0	2	73	84	0	11	4
M. Ferguson (K.D.R.C.)	7	2	0	5	119	152	0	33	4
J. Fraser (K.C.C.)	7	1	2	4	109	140	0	31	4
L. Guy (K.B.G.C. "B")	9	2	0	7	145	209	0	64	4
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	92	104	0	12	3
J. S. Landolt (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	33	9	24	0	2
C. A. Lopes (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	32	9	23	0	2
H. Lockhart (K.B.G.C. "B")	2	1	0	1	40	35	5	0	2
L. J. Silva (Recrelo "B")	2	1	0	1	21	40	0	19	2
J. W. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	0	2	40	76	0	36	2
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	1	0	3	62	92	0	30	2
T. Coleman (K.D.R.C.)	6	1	0	5	73	180	0	107	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	8	1	0	7	139	177	0	38	2
J. E. Noronha (Recrelo "B")	1	0	0	1	13	19	0	6	0
C. C. Pereira (Recrelo)	1	0	0	1	14	21	0	7	0
L. Sykes (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	18	28	0	10	0
W. McNeill (K.B.G.C. "B")	1	0	0	1	11	29	0	18	0
C. M. Silva (Recrelo "B")	2	0	0	2	35	47	0	12	0
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	22	50	0	28	0
W. Greig (K.D.R.C.)	2	0	0	2	23	60	0	37	0
E. Souza (Recrelo)	3	0	0	3	45	72	0	27	0
E. W. Simmonds (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	41	84	0	43	0
G. S. Sherriff (K.B.G.C. "A")	4	0	0	4	64	95	0	31	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	10	9	0	1	234	137	97	0	18
A. J. Kew (K. Tong)	10	8	0	2	237	168	69	0	16
J. L. Stephens (K. Tong)	10	7	1	2	243	158	85	0	15
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	7	7	0	0	196	107	89	0	14
W. MacFarlane (H.K.F.C.)	13	6	0	6	251	240	11	0	13
C. Gowland (P.O.C.)	10	6	0	4	226	169	57	0	12
G. E. Costello (H.K.C.C.)	10	6	0	4	218	192	26	0	12
W. J. Bagley (P.O.C.)	10	6	0	4	223	220	3	0	12
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	11	6	0	5	205	204	1	0	12
E. Kern (K.F.C.)	6	5	0	1	133	113	20	0	10
T. L. Lock (C.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	168	141	27	0	10
W. Melrose (T.C.)	8	5	0	3	162	159	3	0	10
O. P. Remedios (Recrelo)	8	4	1	3	138	157	0	19	9
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	6	4	0	2	125	98	27	0	8
K. S. Robertson (H.K.F.C.)	7	4	0	3	159	119	40	0	8
J. C. Chalmers (T.C.)	7	4	0	3	153	125	28	0	8
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	9	3	1	5	151	186	0	35	7
A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.)	5	3	0	2	100	85	15	0	6
C. C. Pereira (Recrelo)	6	3	0	3	127	111	16	0	6
J. McCutcheon (P.O.C.)	6	3	0	3	101	120	0	19	6
F. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)	9	3	0	6	166	189	0	23	6
R. S. Meadows (K.C.C.)	9	3	0	6	162	218	0	56	6
W. J. Howard (K. Tong)	5	2	1	2	116	87	29	0	5
A. Steven (K.C.C.)	8	2	1	5	134	191	0	57	5
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	85	69	16	0	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	79	72	7	0	4
A. J. Elliott (P.O.C.)	4	2	0	2	69	94	0	25	4
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	5	2	0	3	95	99	0	4	4
J. A. Remedios (Recrelo)	6	2	0	4	108	117	0	9	4
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	10	2	0	8	158	238	0	85	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	5	1	1	3	88	113	0	25	3
J. A. Watson (T.C.)	8	1	1	6	107	194	0	87	3
W. W. Parsons (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	15	11	0	2
E. S. Franks (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	14	5	0	2
W. Ward (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	28	24	4	0	2
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	21	19	2	0	2
T. Ferguson (K.F.C.)	2	1	0	1	41	33	8	0	2
M. A. Carvalho (Recrelo)	4	1	0	3	73	95	0	23	2
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	70	98	0	28	2
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	5	1	0	4	78	118	0	40	2
J. R. Soares (Recrelo)	8	1	0	7	137	221	0	84	2
E. F. Stalton (T.C.)	1	0	0	1	21	25	0	4	0
T. Curtis (K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	19	0	5	0
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo)	1	0	0	1	20	27	0	7	0
R. R. Davies (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	24	0	9	0
A. B. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	10	23	0	13	0
H. V. Pearce (H.K.F.C.)	3	0	0	3	39	58	0	19	0
L. Jack (K.C.C.)	3	0	0	3	55	75	0	20	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	T.	L.	F.	A.	Up	Dn	Pts.
R. Ogden (K.F.C.)	10	9	0	1	239	169	79	0	18
H. Nish (K.B.G.C.)	12	8	1	3	268	200	68	0	17
J. O. Aitken (P.R.C.)	9	7	1	1	231	134	97	0	15
S. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	12	7	1	4	244	217	27	0	15
C. Walsh (K.B.G.C.)	9	7	0	2	216	141	75	0	14
A. M. Wahab (I.R.C.)	12	7	0	5	250	221	29	0	14
A. J. Coelho (C.C.C.)	13	6	0	7	282	245	0	13	12
J. MacDonald (P.R.C.)	9	5	1	3	195	141	55	0	11
G. S. Graver (H.K.F.C.)	11	5	1	5	229	232	0	3	11
N. P. Karanjia (C.C.C.)	8	5	0	3	171	148	23	0	10
K. C. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	0	3	169	149	20	0	10
A. O. Madar (I.R.C.)	9	4	1	4	174	150	18	0	9
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	6	4	0	2	107	102	66	0	8
J. Raito (H.K.F.C.)	6	4	0	2	122	118	4	0	8
M. W. Atkinson (P.R.C.)	7	4	0	3	135	143	0	2	8

SWEDISH BREAKS WORLD RECORD

The Swedish long-distance runner Gun-der Haegg established a new record for the 1,500 Metres flat race, clocking 3 mins 47 6/10 secs. at Stockholm yesterday.

The previous record-holder was Jack Lovelock, New Zealand Olympic star, whose time was 3 mins. 47 8/10 secs.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

While English Football is still in the throes of domestic trouble, Scottish Soccer, after only a few weeks rest, opened its new season on Saturday. Glasgow Rangers, only club running two teams, made a successful start, both winning.

Results in the Southern League were:—Albion Rovers 2, Partick Thistle 2; Clyde 8, Falkirk 0; Dumbarton 3, Airdrie 5; Hamilton 3, Third Lanark 4; Hearts 3, Celtic 0; Morton 2, Hibernian 1; Queen's Park 1, Storness 2; Rangers 3, Motherwell 0.

North-Eastern League.—Leith 3, Rangers 5; Raith 2, Aberdeen 4; Dundee United 1, East Fife 1; Dunfermline 7, St. Bernard's 3.—Reuter.

CHUNG HWA SUCCEED

Chung Hwa beat Hong Kong Baseball Club by 19 runs to 8 in the only League Baseball game played yesterday at Chatham Road.

STANDINGS TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	7	1	.875
Hong Kong Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	5	3	.625
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	6	.250
South China	1	6	.148

* Since withdrawn.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Two matches will be played this evening in the Basketball League, when Ping Ching meet Wah Kui and Lu Leung encounter Victoria Recreation Club.

L. de Rome (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	0	4	157	160	0	3	8
E. S. Abraham (H.K.C.C.)	9	4	0	5	168	171	0	3	8
B. A. Mansell (H.K.F.C.)	11	4	0	7	211	214	0	3	8
P. A. Yvanovich (Recrelo)	13	4	0	9	220	300	0	80	8
L. A. Jordan (K.B.G.C.)	4	3	0	1	93	80	13	0	6
D. A. Rozario (C.C.C.)	5	3	0	2	98	93	5	0	6
B. Evans (K.F.C.)	5	3	0	2	86	99	0	13	6
J. T. Smalley (K.F.C.)	6	3	0	3	130	123	7	0	6
J. F. Lunny (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	3	0	4	121	146	0	25	6
M. A. Carvalho (Recrelo)	8	3	0	5	136	143	0	7	6
A. G. Sufflad (I.R.C.)	2	2	0	0	49	37	12	0	4
C. F. Needham (H.K.F.C.)	2	2	0	0	50	30	20	0	4
L. Gaddi (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	60	40	20	0	4
A. Nisim (H.K.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	61	61	0	0	4
M. J. Medina (C.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	60	69	0	9	4
P. J. A. Hamilton (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	88	66	22	0	4
P. S. Cassidy (H.K.C.C.)	4	2	0	2	72	69	3	0	4
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	4	2	0	2	54	90	0	26	4
M. F. Pinna (Recrelo)	6	2	0	4	112	145	0	33	4
J. K. Sloan (H.K.E.R.C.)	7	2	0	5	137	180	0	43	4
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	29	18	11	0	2
W. A. Cornett (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	15	5	0	2
J. B. Gilroy (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	19	15	4	0	2
B. J. Lacon (H.K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	16	4	0	2
C. C. Pereira (Recrelo)	1	1	0	0	27	25	2	0	2
G. S. Ladd (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	35	36	0	1	2
M. Mendonca (Recrelo)	2	1	0	1	83	88	0	3	2
M. R. Pinna (Recrelo)	2	1	0	1	36	42	0	6	2
A. G. Gardner (H.K.E.R.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	38	0	8	2
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	2	1	0	1	30	44	0	14	2
F. Channing (P.R.C.)	3	1	0	2	57	68	0	1	2
R. C. Morgan (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	55	64	0	9	2
S. H. Strange (H.K.F.C.)	3	1	0	2	51	78	0	27	2
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	4	1	0	3	74	88	0	9	2
A. McKellar (H.K.C.C.)	7	1	0	6	109	168	0	59	2
L. E. Lammett (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	15	17	0	2	0
Y. Abbas (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	14	18	0	4	0
C. H. Fuller (K.F.C.)	1	0	0	1	17	21	0	4	0
E. A. Atkin (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	5	0
C. E. Gahagan (H.K.E.R.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	20	0	5	0
F. K. Modi (C.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	18	29	0	11	0
M. Gutierrez (Recrelo)	1	0	0	1	15	28	0	13	0
R. A. Edwards (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	0	1	13	29	0	16	0
A. F. Noronha (Recrelo)	1	0	0	1	8	31	0	23	0
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	2	0	0	2	27	38	0	11	0
C. Dowman (K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	49	69	0	20	0
A. S. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	24	45	0	21	0
J. Pau (C.C.C.)	2	0	0	2	34	56	0	22	0
G. Stephens (H.K.F.C.)	2	0	0	2	30	55	0	25	0
R. C. Butler (H.K.E.R.C.)	3	0	0	3	44	68	0	24	0
A. F. Paul (H.K.E.R.C.)	5	0	0	5	80	130	0	70	0

BOWLER TURNS TO FISHING

By "Incog"

K. C. Hamilton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, "is packing up bowls to turn his attention to deep-sea fishing."

Hamilton told me this on Saturday, when he spoke about the success he had met with in Sydney, Australia, in January-February this year. His bag during those two months included seven marlins, which he caught in company with Maxie Lawson, a prominent member of the Deep Sea Fishing Association in Sydney.

Hamilton says he is convinced marlin and sail-fish, which is a type of marlin, can be caught off Hong Kong waters. These fish cannot live in anything under 70 fathoms, and when the water off the Japanese coast is cooling, they migrate to the Philippines, passing Hong Kong on their way down.

Unfortunately, says Hamilton, he has not been able to get any data as to the exact season for marlin fishing here, but he imagined it should be towards the end of the summer.

220 Pounder

Hamilton's biggest catch in Sydney was one weighing 220 pounds, which kept him busy for over 12 hours before he finally landed it. The marlins are terrible fighters and they go through the water at the rate of 45 miles an hour—their speed is their only protection against their sharks, which make a point of attacking them.

The little marlins are only about 45 pounds in weight, but the real giants go up to about 450 pounds, and when they are caught they leap out of the water, the first jump sometimes being as high as 30 feet, though Hamilton says the highest jump he saw was only 15 feet.

Disappointing Start

When he was in Sydney, Hamilton used a 36-strand line, but last week, when he went out on a deep-sea fishing expedition for the first time here, he took a 15-strand line. Reason for this was he did not want to risk breaking his 36-strand line until he had made sure that it was the marlin season here.

Unfortunately for him, his first outing proved a disappointment in that they ran into rough weather and the wind and rain made fishing of any nature impossible. He is now on the look-out for a suitable boat, having already got all the necessary tackle, and is rather optimistic about his prospects of landing his first marlin here before the year is out.

SATURDAY RESULTS

Followers of swimming were provided with some excellent sport at Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday night when, contrary to general expectations, combined V.R.C. and Y.M.C.A. team, beat Combined Chinese in the charity swimming gala by 16 points to 10.

Outstanding feat of the evening was credited to Tsui Hang, newcomer to local competitive swimming, who defeated D. Hutchinson Colony 100 Yards champion, while Miss V. Churn, V.R.C. lady star performer, excelled in the relay events.

In the Baseball League U.S.S. Mindanao beat Sappers by 27 runs to 4 to retain the pennant and Bagram Shield, while Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Civil Service Cricket Club in a postponed Second Division League tennis fixture by 7 sets to 2.

Craigengower continued in winning vein in the premier Division of the Lawn Bowls League, in the Second Division of which Kowloon Football Club, thanks to a clean sweep win over Club de Recreio have displaced Kowloon Tong at the head of the League standings, results, at a glance of Saturday's League programme being:

FIRST DIVISION

Reo. "A"	68	K.B.G.C. "B"	61
C.C.C.	72	K.B.G.C. "A"	65
P.R.C.	71	K.D.R.C.	62
C.S.C.C.	59	I.R.C.	65

SECOND DIVISION

Reo.	50	K.F.C.	61
Talkoo	61	H.K.C.C.	62
K. Tong	61	H.K.F.C.	41
C.C.C.	62	K.C.C.	64

THIRD DIVISION

H.K.C.C.	69	C.C.C.	40
K.B.G.C.	62	Elec.	59
K.F.C.	65	Reo.	40
H.K.F.C.	62	P.R.C.	60

Buccaneers beat Kowloon Skating Rink "A" yesterday in the Hockey on Roller Skates League by 6 goals to 3 after leading at the interval by 5-2. L. Smirke (2), B. Soares, A. Olsen and H. Silva scored for the winners and S. Chan and Houlkinson for the losers.



K. C. Hamilton's first big thrill in deep-sea fishing, 4 miles outside Sydney, Australia, this 220-pound marlin resisted for 1 1/2 hours before it was finally landed.

SNEAD RETAINS TITLE

WITH ROUNDS OF 71, 68, 69 AND 69, GIVING A TOTAL OF 274, SAM SNEAD (HOLDER), OF HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA, WON THE CANADIAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT TORONTO ON SATURDAY.

The runner-up was Robert Gray, a Toronto professional, who returned cards of 70, 65, 70 and 71 to total 276.

In the last round Gray was in trouble at the par four 3rd, where he was out of bounds for a 6. He then played steadier and had three birdies between the 9th and the 16th holes, with the huge crowd roaring encouragement at every shot. He, however, missed a 15-foot putt at the 18th.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are matches in the Lawn Tennis League to be played to-day:

Second Division—S.C.A.A. v K.T.G.C.A.

Third Division—K.I.T.C. v C.R.C. (1).

The First Division League tennis match between Chinese Recreation Club and Indian Recreation Club, which was to have been played this afternoon, has been postponed. No date has yet been fixed for the game.

Snead, who had an eagle three at the 18th, was in terrific form throughout, securing four birdies and a bogey four at the 18th, where he was sand-trapped.

Gray's brilliant display in the early rounds raised the hope that the title would come to Canada for the first time since 1914, but Gray is a notorious hot and cold golfer, rising at times to heights of brilliance to descend to only moderate golf on other occasions. Nevertheless, his fight on this occasion thrilled the Canadians.

Gordon Brydson, of Toronto, was third with rounds of 73, 70, 68 and 67 (278).

At the 17th Gray needed a birdie to tie with Snead, but returned bogey, and then had another bogey at the 18th.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Hong Kong English Forum are staging a swimming gala at Chinese Bankers' Association Bathing Shed, North Point, to-day, commencing at 8 p.m.

Hong Kong Football Association Council will meet at the Association's offices on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. Included in the agenda is the approval of fixtures for season 1941/2.



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THAI RELIEF AFTER A CRITICAL FORTNIGHT

But Not Yet Out Of The Wood

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PLANS THE STRICTEST ENFORCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN AS LONG AS THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE TOKYO IS CONTEMPLATING FURTHER AGGRESSION, ESPECIALLY IN THAILAND, IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

No licences have been granted for the import of silk, it is understood, and few, if any, will be unless there is a lessening of the tension in the Pacific. The resumption of "peace trade" will be considered if the Japanese refrain from attacking Thailand.

The U.S. Government's position is that the Japanese will not be permitted to use the benefits of American trade for the purpose of strengthening their military machine.

Greatest fear is that the Japanese will attack Singapore as a vital step in Axis control of the sea, which President Roosevelt is committed to prevent.

It is believed in Washington that if the United States, Britain, China and the Dutch East Indies stand together in the Pacific, there is a good chance that the Japanese will hesitate to risk a conflict, and war may be avoided. — International News Service.

Not Yet Out Of Wood

After a most critical fortnight members of the Thai Cabinet and diplomats in Bangkok are for the first time sitting back, mopping their brows, collecting their thoughts and sorting them out.

Typically shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True we have just been through a hell of a bad time but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course we know we are not yet out of the wood."

MEANWHILE IN ADELAIDE. "DEVELOPMENTS WHICH BROOKED NO DELAY" WAS THE REASON GIVEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MR. MENZIES, FOR THE CANCELLATION OF HIS TOUR OF AUSTRALIA AND HIS DECISION TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO MELBOURNE FOR THE FULL MEETING OF THE CABINET CALLED FOR NOON.



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GERMANY'S CLAIMS MODIFIED

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shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then was surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, trying to escape jumped into the lake to swim to the opposite shore but were practically all drowned or shot by Russian snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

Fatal War

A number of prisoners addressed a letter to their comrades of the 63rd Division urging them to surrender. The letter says:

"We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war for us against Soviet Russia to the northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Mannerheim and his accomplices to acquire the Karelian colonies.

"The Finnish people hate us, the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use binding your destinies with the destinies of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families, and liberating Germany."

MODIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Following their recent claims of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis yesterday fell strangely silent about operations on the eastern front.

The German midday communique resurrected the well-worn phrase about "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims.

Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

According to the Moscow communique battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely, Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines; Korosten, important Ukrainian railway town, 90 miles northwest of Kiev, and the capture of which the Germans recently claimed, and the Estonian sector, where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to Leningrad.

A message from Stockholm last night indicated the Germans are now trying to modify the sensational claims they made on Saturday of trapping Soviet forces in the southern Ukraine by an encircling movement aiming at cutting off the Black Sea port of Odessa and Nikolaevo.

According to this message German military circles declared that while the German High Command considered that the Russian abandonment of Ukrainian territory west of the great Dnieper bend was imminent, the

Rumanians Suffer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ACCORDING TO A LONDON MESSAGE, QUOTING AN ANKARA REPORT, 30,000 HUMANIAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND 100,000 WOUNDED IN THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

victories already won did not mean that a decision had been reached in these extensive operations.

In the far north the German and Finnish troops do not appear to be making much progress. A communique issued by the Finnish High Command in Helsinki yesterday made vague claims of the encirclement of Soviet troops and the driving of wedges into the Russian lines without mentioning a single place name.

MEANWHILE SOVIET GUERRILLAS IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW ARE CONTINUING TO WORK IN THE GERMAN REAR. SOME OF THEM ARE OPERATING AS FAR BACK AS LWOV. IN POLAND, OVER 250 MILES BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

Finnish Claims

The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communique.

It says: "The enemy's fortified positions were broken through and wedges driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions were cut off."

"There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance."

The communique adds that completion of the encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing but it does not mention a single place.

Soviet Communique

The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 10.30 last night:

"In the course of August 10, our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Solsti, Kholm, Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Uman."

"Our air force, in cooperation with the land forces, inflicted blows on the enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9, our air force brought down 45 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own aircraft."

"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 9, 10 German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported."

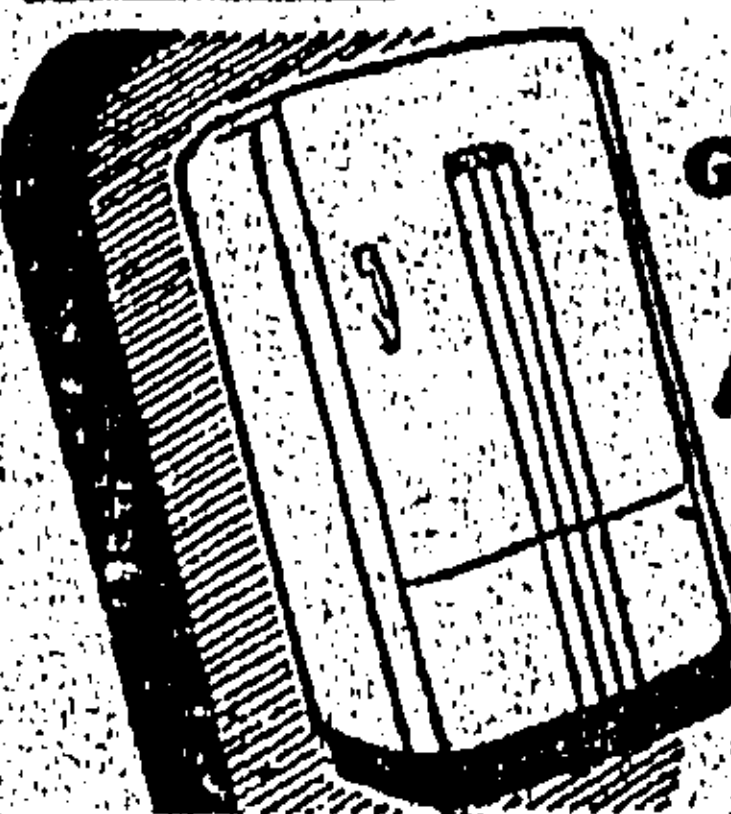
"During the day of August 9 our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow civil defence zone."—Reuter.

TYPHOON WARNING

The following typhoon warning, from Manila, was received in the Colony this morning:

"Manila, 7.40 a.m. Typhoon in about 139 degs. Long. E, 21 degs. Lat. N., moving north-west."

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